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LU BU'S MAIN CAMP
I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE SITUATION AT THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY; THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
YOU THINK YOU CAN DISTRACT THE ENEMY?
FIVE THOUSAND MEN. I WOULD LEAD A SNEAK ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH.
THEN OUR SPECIAL FORCE WILL CONTROL THE WESTERN AREA.
FOR THE SECOND TACTIC, THE ENEMY WILL SET AN AMBUSH OF FOUR THOUSAND MEN IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY.
WAIT, LET ME PREDICT WHAT TACTIC THE CAO ARMY WILL COME UP WITH AT THIS POINT...
THIS IS THE SEVENTH TACTIC OF THE FIFTEENTH POSSIBLE ROUND. ANYTHING ELSE?
YES, THE FIRST TACTIC OF THE SIXTEENTH ROUND. WHEN THE ENEMY RETREATS FOR FIVE LI.

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CHAPTER 102
A RAISED SPIRIT
NO NEED. THERE WOULD BE A TOTAL OF THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX POSSIBLE ROUNDS.

RECORDKEEPER, START LISTING AGAIN FROM THE SEVENTH ROUND.
THAT... THAT MANY? WHICH ONE WOULD BE FOR REAL?
yawn
THE SECOND TACTIC IS: IF WE PURSUE, WE WOULD BE AMBUSHED THERE.
THE FIRST TACTIC IS: IF OUR INSIDER ASSASSINATES CAO CAO, THE CAO ARMY WILL RETREAT TO THE WESTERN PART OF THE CITY.
CAO CAO HAS A HUNDRED THOUSAND QINGZHOU SOLDIERS, BUT THIRTY THOUSAND HAVE NOT BEEN DEPLOYED.
I BET THE TROOP THAT WOULD AMBUSH US HAS NEVER BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR!
MAKE A NOTE OF THESE THIRTY THOUSAND.

AND THEN,
MAKE A NOTE OF THE SEVENTH POSSIBLE ROUND.
LET'S START OVER AGAIN.
BESIDES, NO COMMANDER UNDER CAO CAO CAN REACT AND ADAPT TO THE CHANGING SITUATION LIKE HE DOES.
EVEN IF CAO CAO COULD TRAVEL BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH, HE STILL WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO ESCAPE OUR TRAP.
A. . . ADVISOR CHEN, WE'VE ANALYZED IT THREE TIMES.

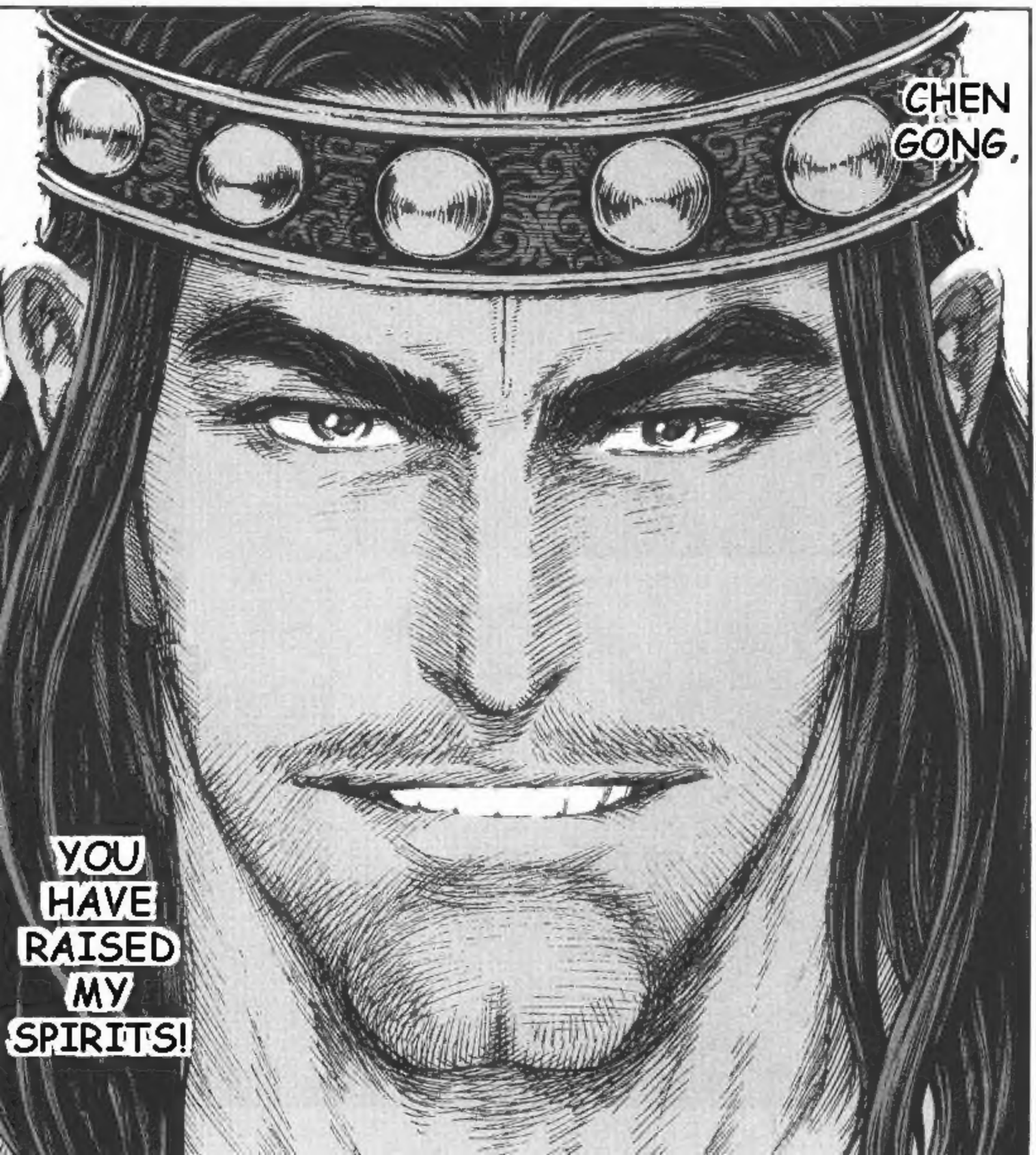
UNDOUBTEDLY HE STANDS OUT FROM THE CROWD.
THE BRILLIANT WARRIOR AND THE UNDEFEATABLE GOD OF WAR.
I WONDER WHAT YOU ALL THINK OF OUR LORD LU BU?
YET THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO DISMISS HIM AS THE BOLD BUT SIMPLEMINDED TYPE.
QUIET. PLEASE LET THE HEAD ADVISOR SPEAK!
THAT'S JUST PRACTICING THE THEORY OF "ON MORALE"...
SO THEN...
DO YOU THINK GENERALS LIKE YU JIN AND XIAHOU DUN ARE BOLD BUT SIMPLEMINDED?
APPRAISAL IS SUBJECTIVE. IN THE EYES OF EACH COMMANDER, HIS OWN GENERALS ARE ALL ABOVE LU BU.

RECORDING HISTORY IS ALSO A SUBJECTIVE THING.
HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED THE MANY BOLD AND SIMPLEMINDED MEN IN THE HISTORICAL RECORDS?
BUT IF THEY WERE SO INCOMPETENT, WHY WERE THEY SIGNIFI-CANT ENOUGH TO HAVE THEIR NAMES NOTED?
YOU'RE RIGHT; AND ALSO, WHY WOULD THEY BE GIVEN MILITARY COMMAND OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN?
THAT'S RIGHT! THE CAO CAMP MUST HAVE OTHER SKILLED GENERALS!
SO THE HEAD ADVISOR WANTS US TO TREAT EACH ENEMY GENERAL LIKE A GOD OF WAR!
CON-GRATU-LATIONS !

HIS CALCU-LATIONS ARE PRECISE. I FEEL LIKE MY BRAIN HAS BEEN WARPED AROUND.
YES, NO WONDER MILITARY ADVISORS DON'T LIVE LONG.
EVEN IF OUR ATTACK FAILS, WE CAN STILL SAFELY WITHDRAW. I FEEL SO RELAXED NOW...
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME, I CAN EVEN FEEL...
YOU HAVE ALL GRASPED THE FIRST RULE IN THINKING LIKE THE EIGHT GENIUSES!

THE UNBEATABLE POWER OF THE GOD OF WAR!

CAO BAO'S DAUGHTER
CAO YUAN
PLUS MY FATHER'S FULL SUPPORT.


CHEN GONG,
YOU HAVE RAISED MY SPIRITS!

TANXIAN,
LIU BEI'S STATIONING POINT
I HEARD THAT LU BU HAS ATTACKED CAO CAO
THAT'S STRANGE THEN! CAN'T YOU GUYS SEE ?
MI ZHU SAID
THAT TERRI-FYING GUO JIA IS STILL HERE WHY HAVEN'T THEY RETREATED YET?
LO. . . LORD TAO QIAN HAS DIED, AND. . .
YES, AND LORD TAO HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE XUZHOU IN YOUR HANDS, BIG BROTHER.

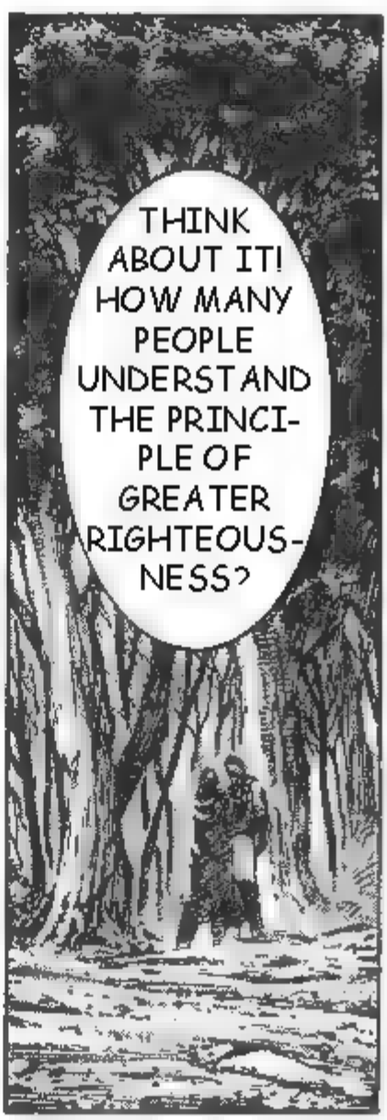
I WILL NOT PERMIT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SOMEONE WHEN HE'S VULNERABLE!
I HAVE NEVER SEEN LORD TAO, SO HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?
BIG BROTHER, AFTER YOU ROBBED ONE CITY AND SAVED TWO, YOUR KINDNESS HAS BECOME WELL-KNOWN NO ONE DESERVES XUZHOU MORE THAN YOU
THIRD BROTHER!
THIS IS HEAVEN'S SECRET!

WE WILL LEAVE IMMEDI-ATELY AFTER WE SAVE XUZHOU!

BIG BROTHER, DON'T FORGET ABOUT OUR OATH THIS IS A FOUNDATION FOR YOUR EMPIRE!

BIG BROTHER, XUZHOU CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT A LEADER WHAT YOU'RE DOING IS GIVING LU BU THE CHANCE TO RULE

DO YOU HAVE THE HEART TO GIVE XUZHOU TO THE SELF-SERVING GUANDONG ALLIANCE?


THINK ABOUT IT! HOW MANY PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE PRINCI-PLE OF GREATER RIGHTEOUS-NESS?

THIRD BROTHER SAVING XUZHOU IS THE RIGHTEOUS THING TO DO
IF SOMEONE SEEKS PERSONAL GAIN UNDER THE NAME OF KINDNESS AND RIGH-TEOUSNESS,

SAY NO MORE THAT UPRIGHT SECOND BROTHER OF YOURS WOULD KILL YOU IF HE HEARS THIS!

CAN'T YOU SEE, BIG BROTHER ?

SECOND BROTHER IS REALLY JUST LIKE ME WE ARE BIG FOOLS WHO WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR YOU!

BUT, I MUST THANK HEAVEN,

I, LIU BEI, WOULD HATE HIS GUTS!

BECAUSE EVEN IF MY BIG BROTHER IS A FOOL,
HE IS TRULY...
A MAN OF HONOR WHO IS WORTHY OF MY SUPPORT!

HEAVEN'S FACE IS EVER-CHANGING
HEAVEN'S WILL IS UNPRE-DICTABLE

IF HEAVEN WANTS HAN ALIVE, THEN

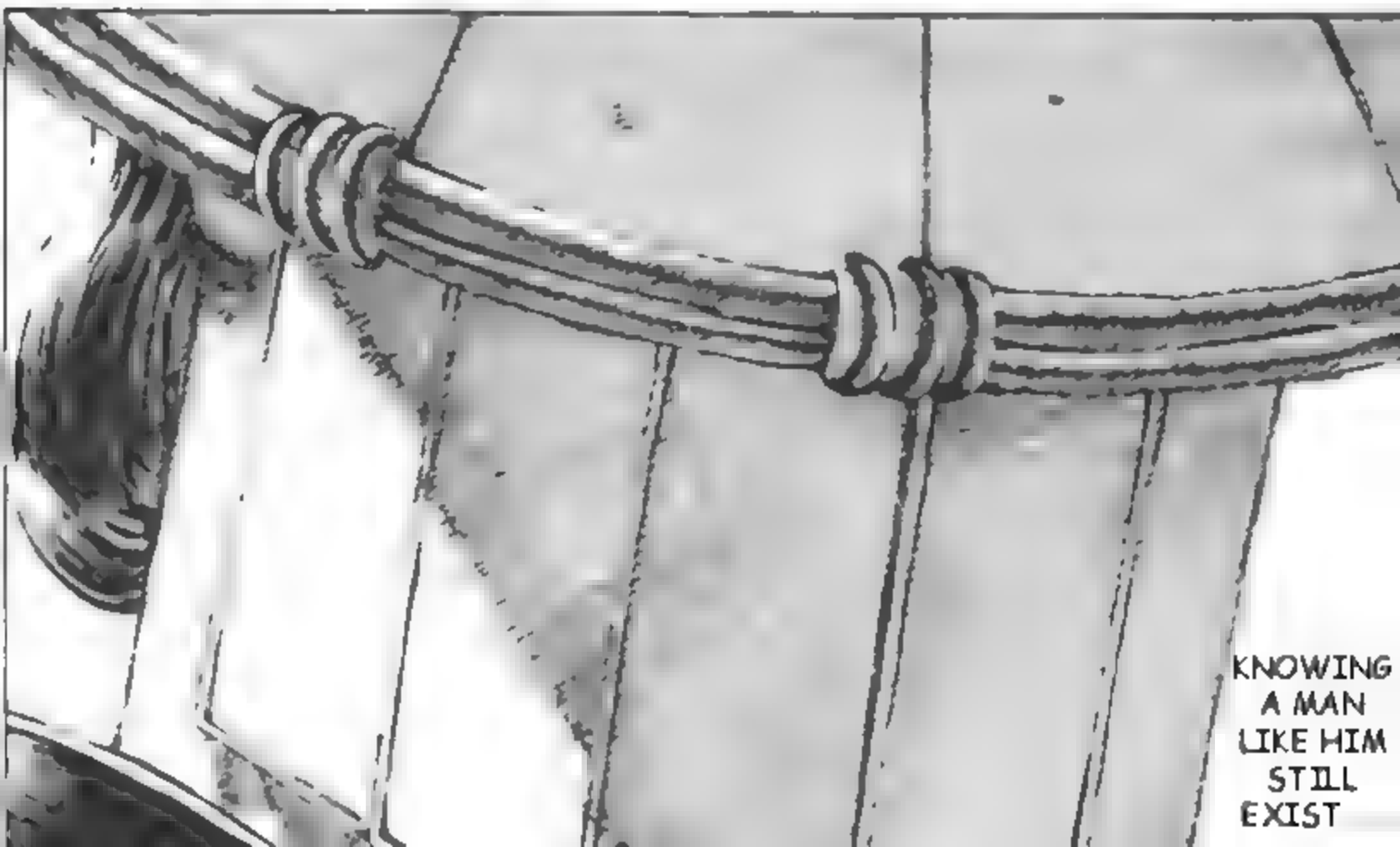
IF HEAVEN WANTS HAN DEAD, IT WILL GIVE A SIGN

DEAR HEAVEN, YOU HAVE RAISED MY SPIRITS!

A FOOL LIKE ME WOULD HAVE HIS VALUE.

I WANT TO RECOMMEND SOMEONE TO YOU,
BECAUSE YOU TWO ARE REALLY SIMILAR.
NO, I ALREADY KNOW WHO HE IS.
CAN YOU STILL GO ON?
MY VALUE IS THAT I AM HARD TO KILL...
keh
IN THAT CASE I HOPE YOU TWO WILL MEET SOON PARDON ME

CAREFUL!
THANKS


KNOWING A MAN LIKE HIM STILL EXIST

I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL ELATED!

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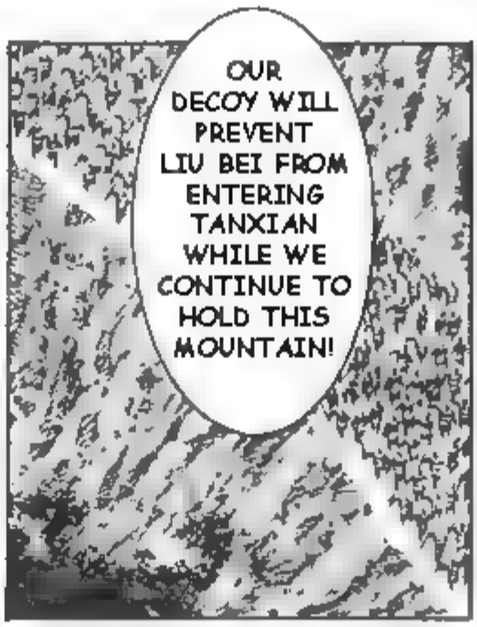
WE HAVE TAKEN THE MOUNTAIN!
THEIR MOUNTAIN DEFENSE IS LOST TANXIAN WILL SOON BE OURS!

keh! I'M SO TIRED!
THEN WHY DID YOU INSIST ON COMING HERE?


OUR DECOY WILL PREVENT LIU BEI FROM ENTERING TANXIAN WHILE WE CONTINUE TO HOLD THIS MOUNTAIN!

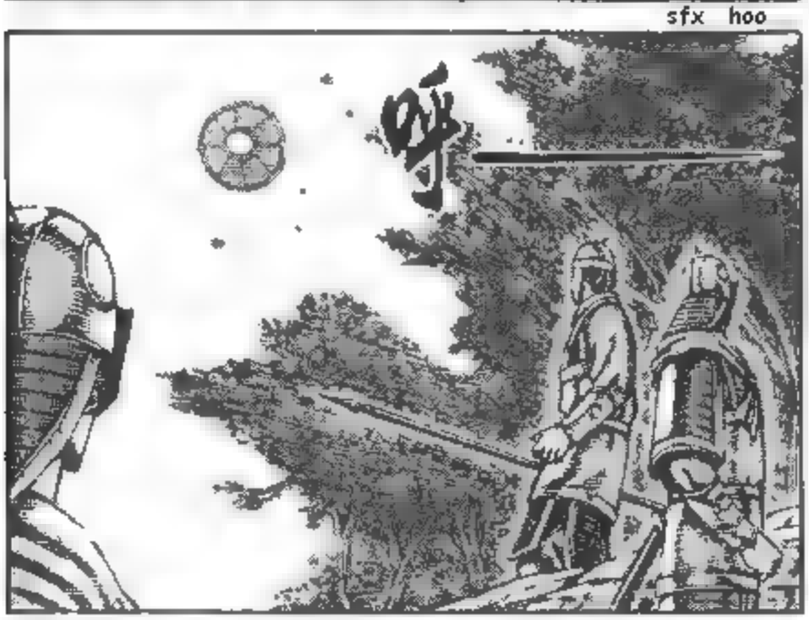
AND NOW I HAVE FULFILLED MY DUTY!
keh!

ONE SEES THINGS FURTHER AND MORE ACCURATELY ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP!
THE SMOKE HAS SHROUDED THE ENTIRE CITY, JUST LIKE YOU PREDICTED
YES, THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY WILL SURRENDER SOON.
sfx hoo
TELL OUR LORD TO PREPARE TO OCCUPY THE CITY
THE WIND IS GETTING STRONGER AGAIN
LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT NOT NEED TO WAIT MUCH LONGER!
UNDERSTOOD

LOOK, THAT'S !

keh! keh!
IT'S TOO WINDY HERE, YOU SHOULD HEAD BACK DOWN!

sfx hoo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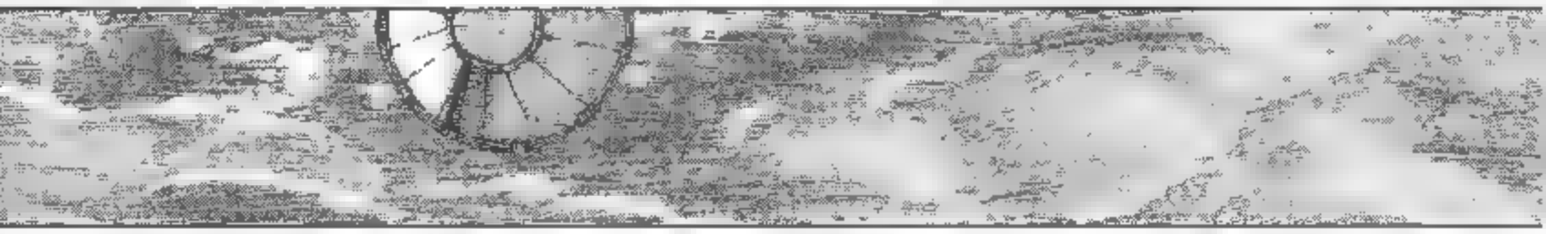

THIS...

A GREAT WIND RISES, AND CLOUDS ARE DRIVEN AWAY

WHOSE HAT... IS THIS?

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GUO JIA!

大風起兮龍飛翔

A GREAT WIND RISES
AND A DRAGON TAKES FLIGHT...

WINNING WITHOUT FIGHTING THAT IS THE GREATEST STRATEGY IN THE WORLD!

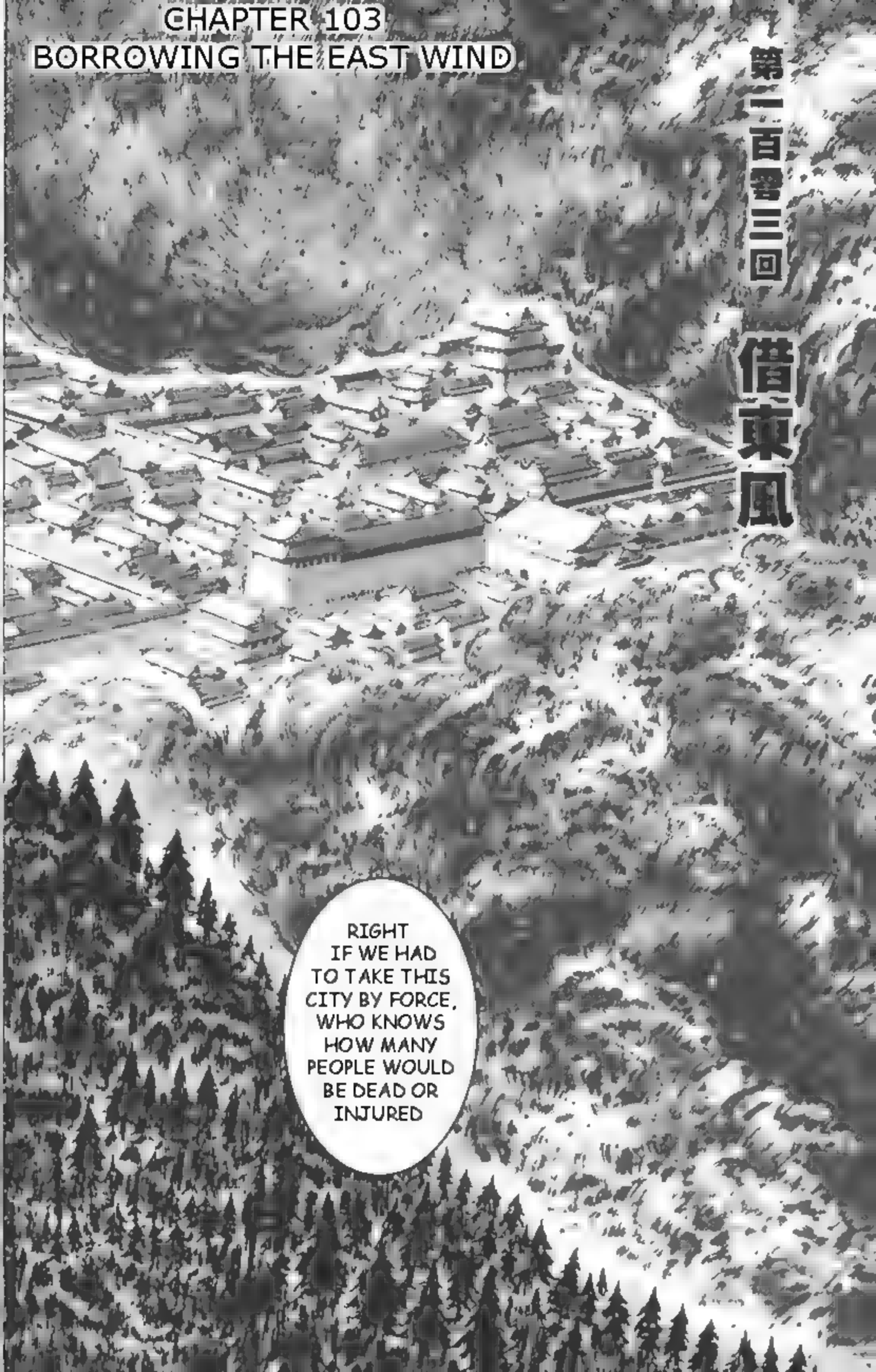
WHAT IS?
ABSO-LUTELY AMAZING

OH, YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR ADVISOR GUO!

LIFE IS PRECIOUS IF ONE CAN WIN THE BATTLE WITHOUT BLOODSHED, THEN HE IS SOLDIERS' SAVIOR

EVEN THOUGH HIS DARKNESS TACTICS ARE REALLY HEINOUS,

MERCY FOR THE ENEMY WOULD ACTUALLY BE EXTREME CRUELTY TO ONESELF


CHAPTER 103
BORROWING THE EAST WIND
第一百零三回
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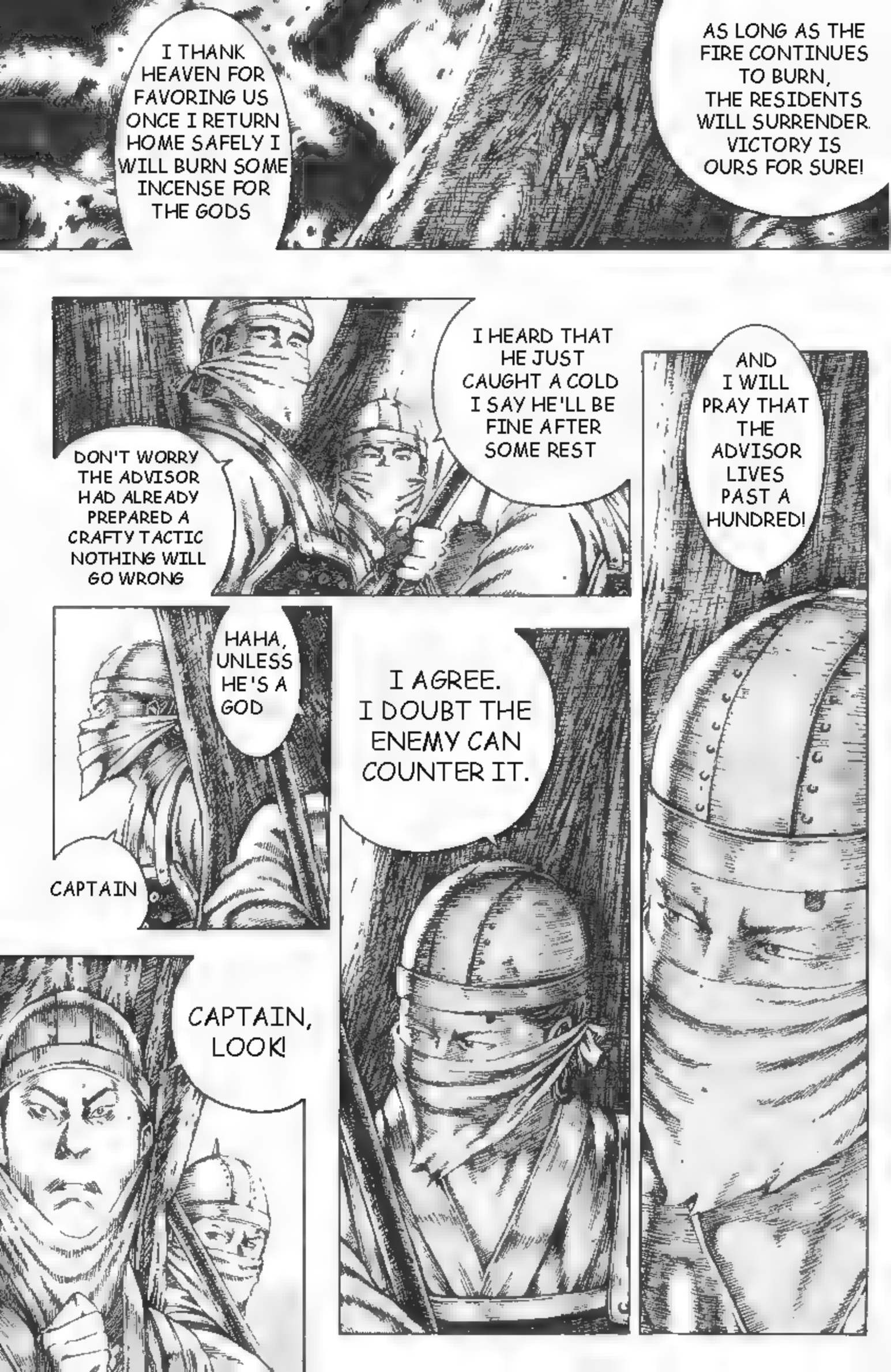
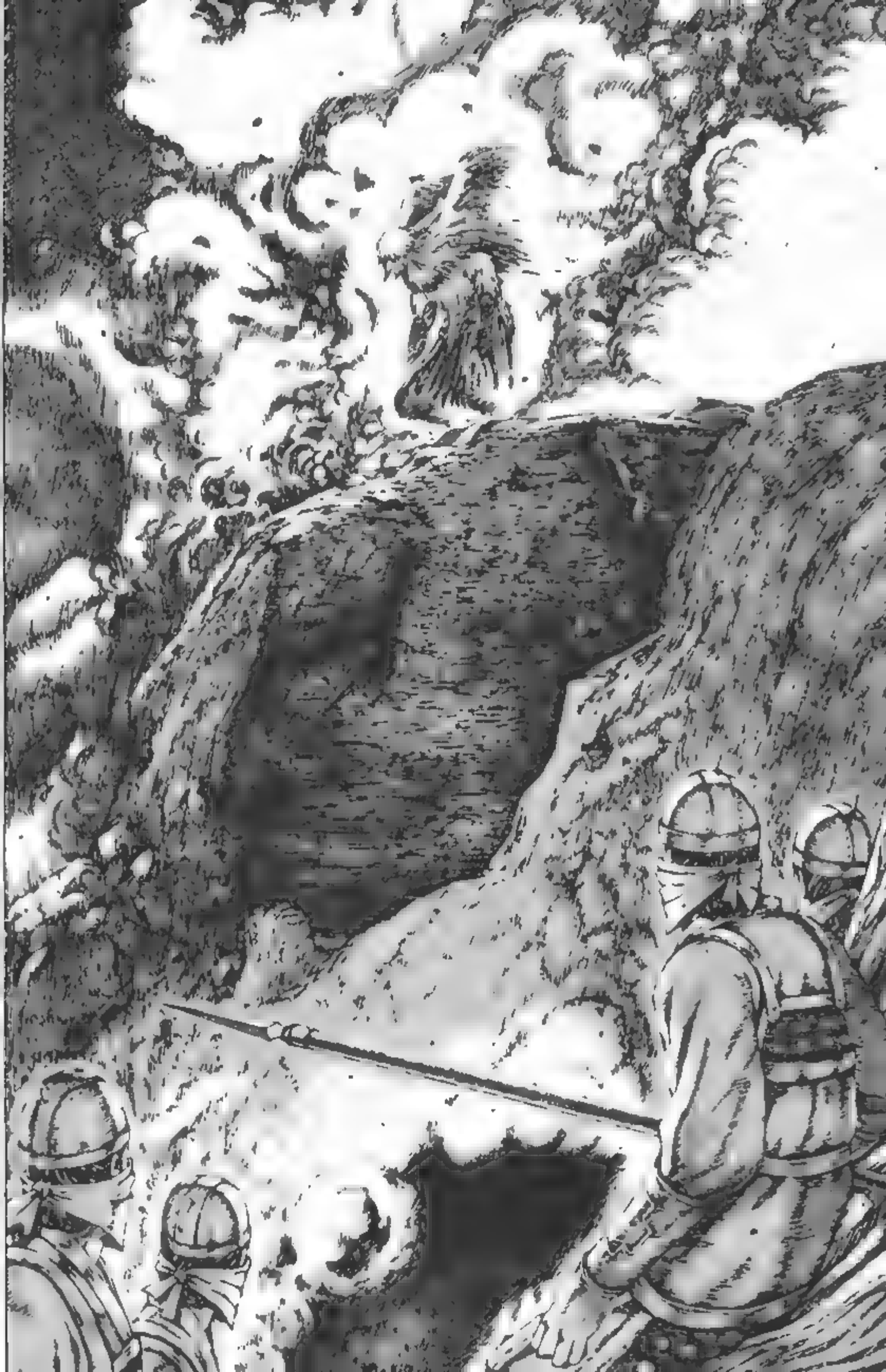
RIGHT IF WE HAD TO TAKE THIS CITY BY FORCE, WHO KNOWS HOW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE DEAD OR INJURED


I THANK HEAVEN FOR FAVORING US ONCE I RETURN HOME SAFELY I WILL BURN SOME INCENSE FOR THE GODS
AS LONG AS THE FIRE CONTINUES TO BURN, THE RESIDENTS WILL SURRENDER. VICTORY IS OURS FOR SURE!
I HEARD THAT HE JUST CAUGHT A COLD I SAY HE'LL BE FINE AFTER SOME REST
DON'T WORRY THE ADVISOR HAD ALREADY PREPARED A CRAFTY TACTIC NOTHING WILL GO WRONG
AND I WILL PRAY THAT THE ADVISOR LIVES PAST A HUNDRED!
HAHA, UNLESS HE'S A GOD
CAPTAIN
I AGREE. I DOUBT THE ENEMY CAN COUNTER IT.
CAPTAIN, LOOK!



WH... WHAT IS THAT?
UNLESS HE IS A GOD...

A STRANGE MAN OUT OF NOWHERE, WEARING A COAT OF STRAW?
THEN... DID YOU GUYS CATCH HIM?
SO MANY PEOPLE ARE PLAYING GODS OR DEVILS IN THIS DAY AND AGE
SOLDIERS ARE ALWAYS SUPERSTITIOUS I HOPE THEIR MORALE WON'T BE AFFECTED!
NO, THE SMOKE IS TOO HEAVY AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE HE'S COMING FROM
STRAW OVERCOAT, LEATHER SKIRT, UNKEMPT HAIR AND BAREFOOT
NAILS LONG AND SHARP, AND HIS WHOLE BODY COVERED IN YELLOW FUR
ALL WE KNOW RIGHT NOW IS THAT HE'S ON THE SOUTHERN HILL

ACCORDING TO THEIR DESCRIP-TION
CHENG YU
A BOOK THAT THE ADVISOR FEARS THE MOST.
GENERAL, COULD THIS BE HIM?
I GUESS SO BUT ADVISOR CHENG, WHAT BOOK IS THIS?
keh!
GENERAL YUE, THE ADVISOR NEEDS HIS REST WHY DO YOU BOTHER HIM WITH SUCH A TRIVIAL MATTER?
NO, YUE JIN, TELL ME

CHENG YU INSISTED THAT YOU TAKE PRECAUTION, SO

COULD HE REALLY USE MAGIC TO DISTURB OUR MORALE?
BUT I THINK HE'S JUST A MOUNTAIN DWELLER

YES, HE'S RIGHT OUR CAMP IS FULL OF SUPERSTITIOUS MEN WHO USED TO FOLLOW ZHANG JIAO

ORDER THE MAIN TROOP TO MOVE TO THE WEST SIDE, AND TELL THEM TO AVOID ANY CONTACT WITH THIS MAN
ADVISOR, ARE YOU SURE YOUR HEAD IS CLEAR? YOU DID PASS OUT FOR A WHOLE DAY
YOU'RE JOKING, RIGHT? HE HE'S ONLY ONE MAN
keh! JUST DO WHAT I SAID!
keh! FATE FATE IS UNPREDICTABLE, TWO DAYS FROM NOW SOMETHING BIG WILL HAPPEN!
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THIS ENVIRON-MENT IS HARMFUL TO YOUR RESPIRA-TION.

NO, THIS CONTEST BETWEEN HE AND I ISN'T OVER YET!
keh!
I'M GLAD THAT YOUR WILL TO FIGHT IS IN FULL FORCE, HOWEVER...
WHY DON'T YOU GO HOME AND REST!

I DON'T CARE ABOUT TITLES
THEN WHAT DO YOU CARE ABOUT?
I WANT TO SEE...

SEE HOW HE BREAKS YOUR PERFECT BATTLE FORMATION . . .?

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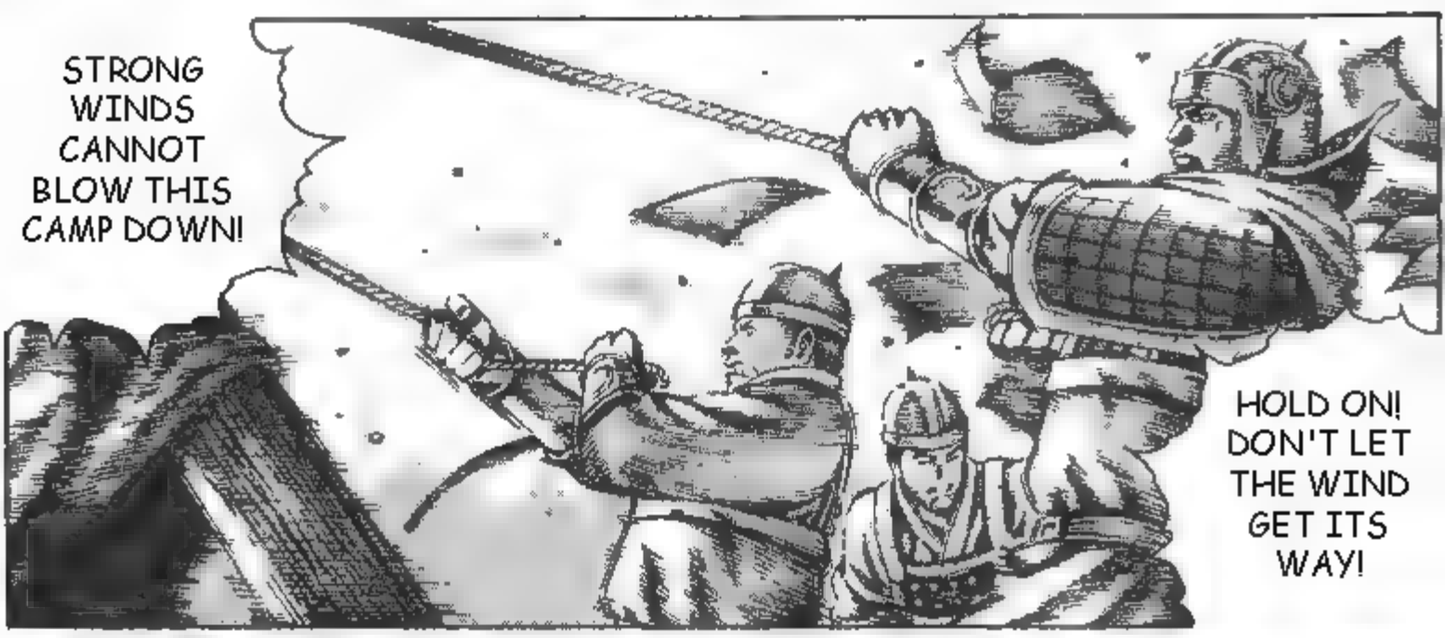
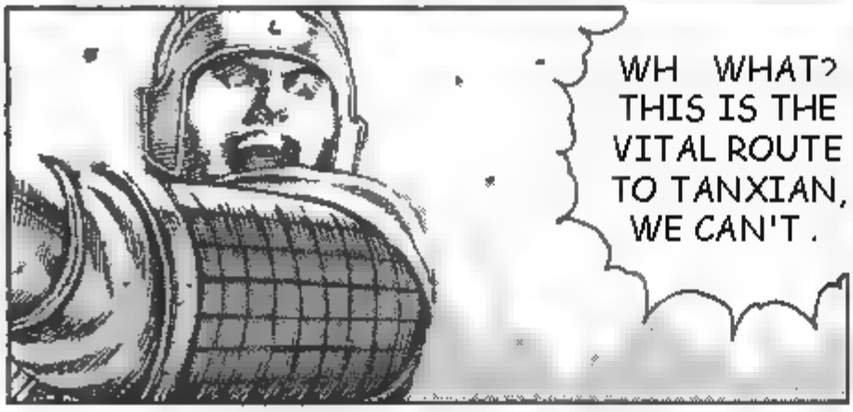
SOUTHERN HILL, GUO JIA'S SECOND CAMP

SFX: HOO


STRONG WINDS CANNOT BLOW THIS CAMP DOWN!
HOLD ON! DON'T LET THE WIND GET ITS WAY!


WH WHAT? THIS IS THE VITAL ROUTE TO TANXIAN, WE CAN'T.

GENERAL, THE ADVISOR ORDERS US TO MOVE TO THE WESTERN HILL!

IT'S THE ADVISOR'S ORDER. HURRY! HURRY!

THE WIND HAS TURNED, AND IT'S BLOWING THE SMOKE OVER HERE!
EAST WIND
THIS IS NOT SMOKE!
SFX: HOO
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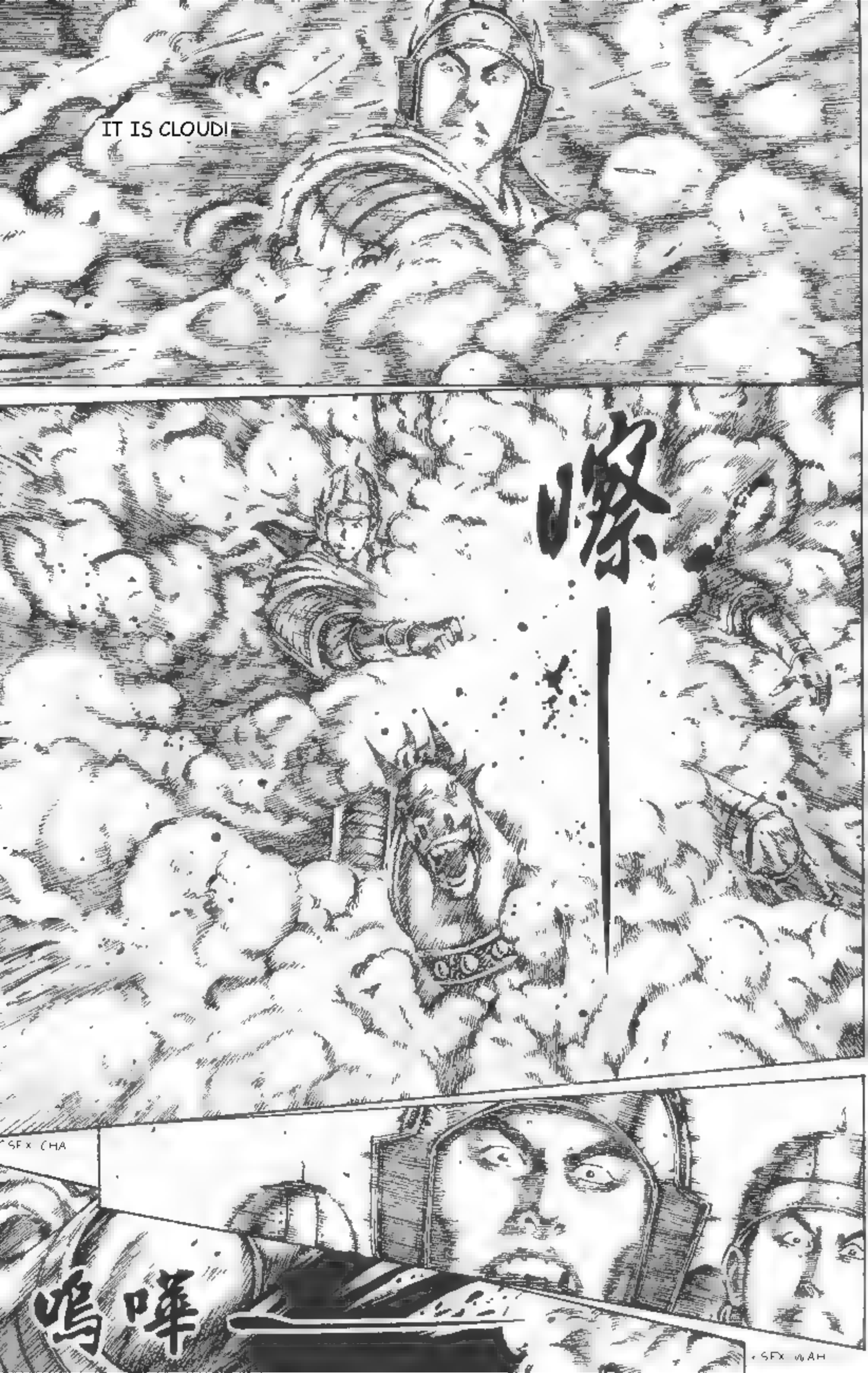
IT IS CLOUD!
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SFX: CHA
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SFX: WAH

shuh
SFX: PA

WH... WHAT IS THAT?
THE MES... MESSENGER... IS DEAD!
WIND...
LOOK, THE CLOUDS ARE GATHERING!
THUNDER...
LIGHTNING...

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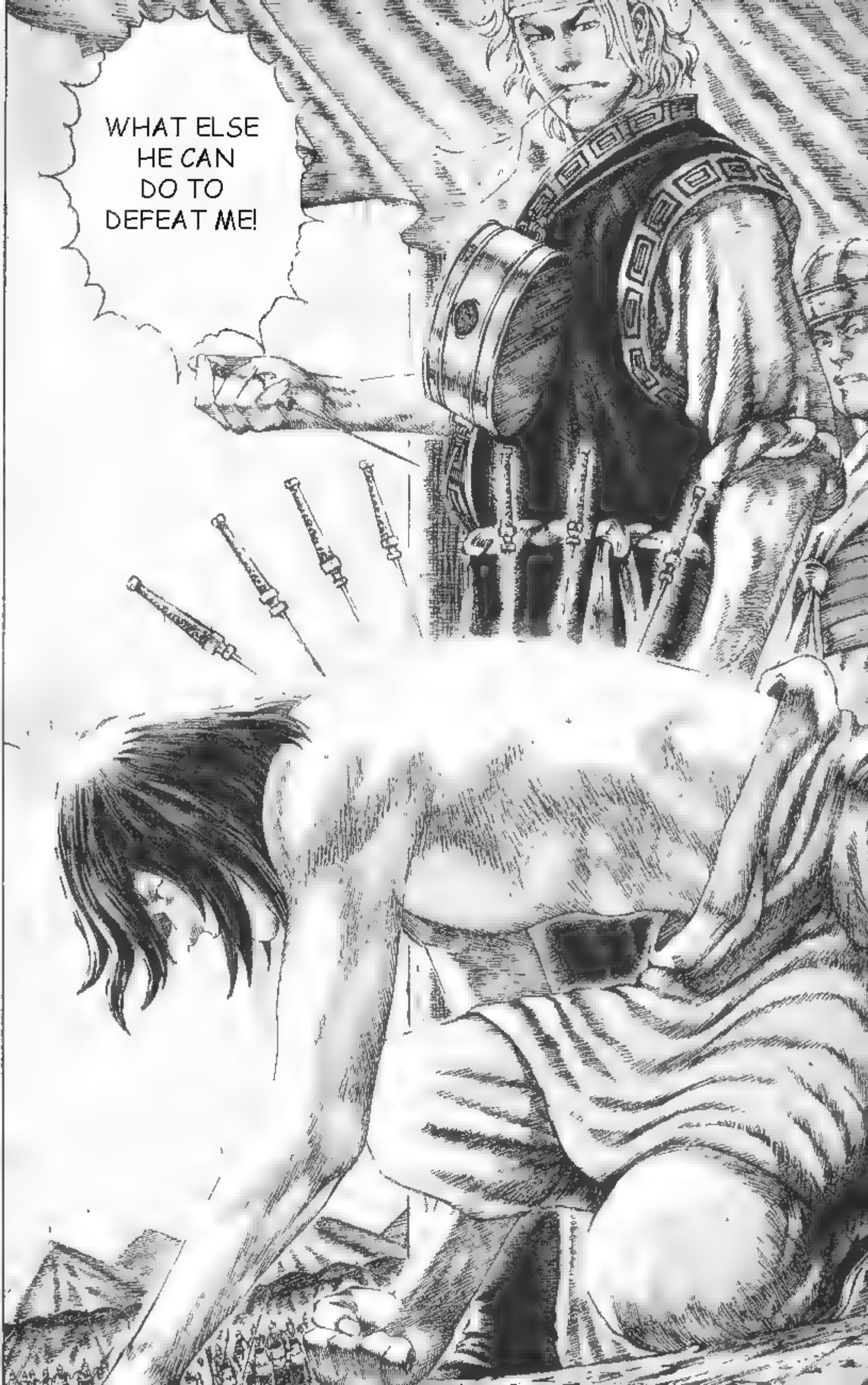
I,
CHENG YU,
AM BENEATH
YOU!
IMPOSSIBLE!
IMPOSSIBLE!
RAIN
THE MOST
POWERFUL
STRATEGY
CALL UPON
THE GODS TO
SHOW THEIR
MIGHT!

GOD OF RAIN... CHISONGZI!
AD. ADVISOR. WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WH WHAT CHISONGZI?
HE IS BETTER THAN ME AT READING THE WEATHER!
BUT I MUST NOT FALL! I WANT TO SEE
BURN THE FIRE-WOOD IN A PILE AND THE FLAMES WILL BRING DOWN THE RAIN NOT TO MENTION THAT XUZHOU IS SUR-ROUNDED BY FOREST
I WAS OBSERVING THE CLIMATE CHANGE, BUT I FORGOT THAT THE WIND CHANGE IS A DAY EARLY!


WHAT ELSE HE CAN DO TO DEFEAT ME!

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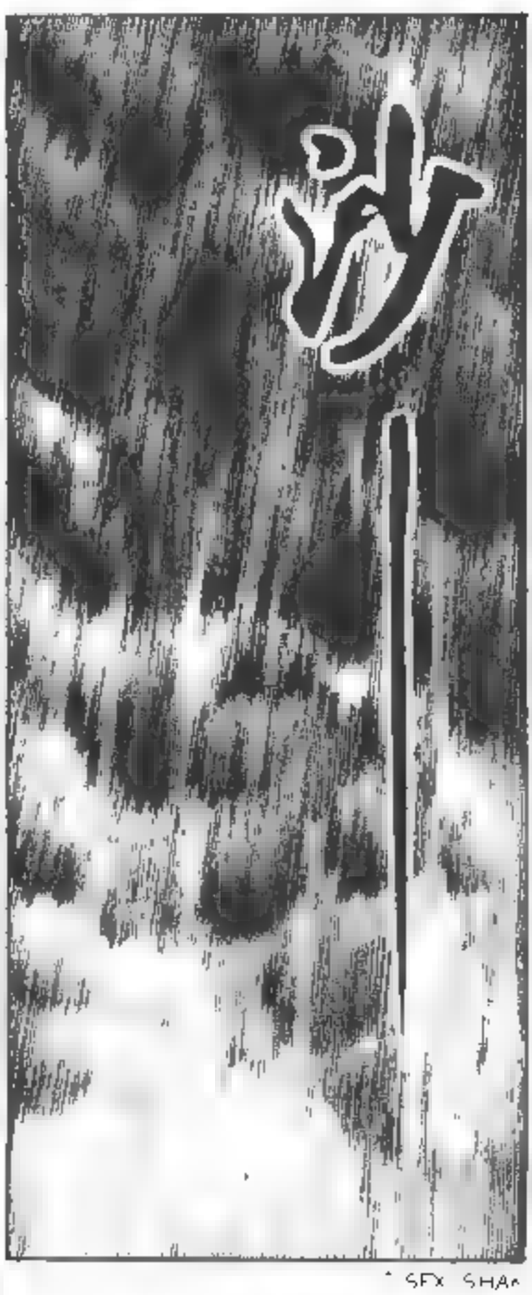
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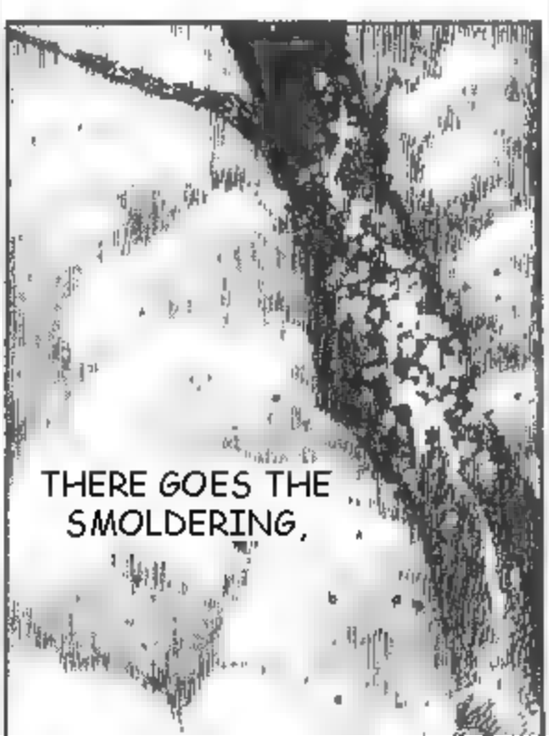
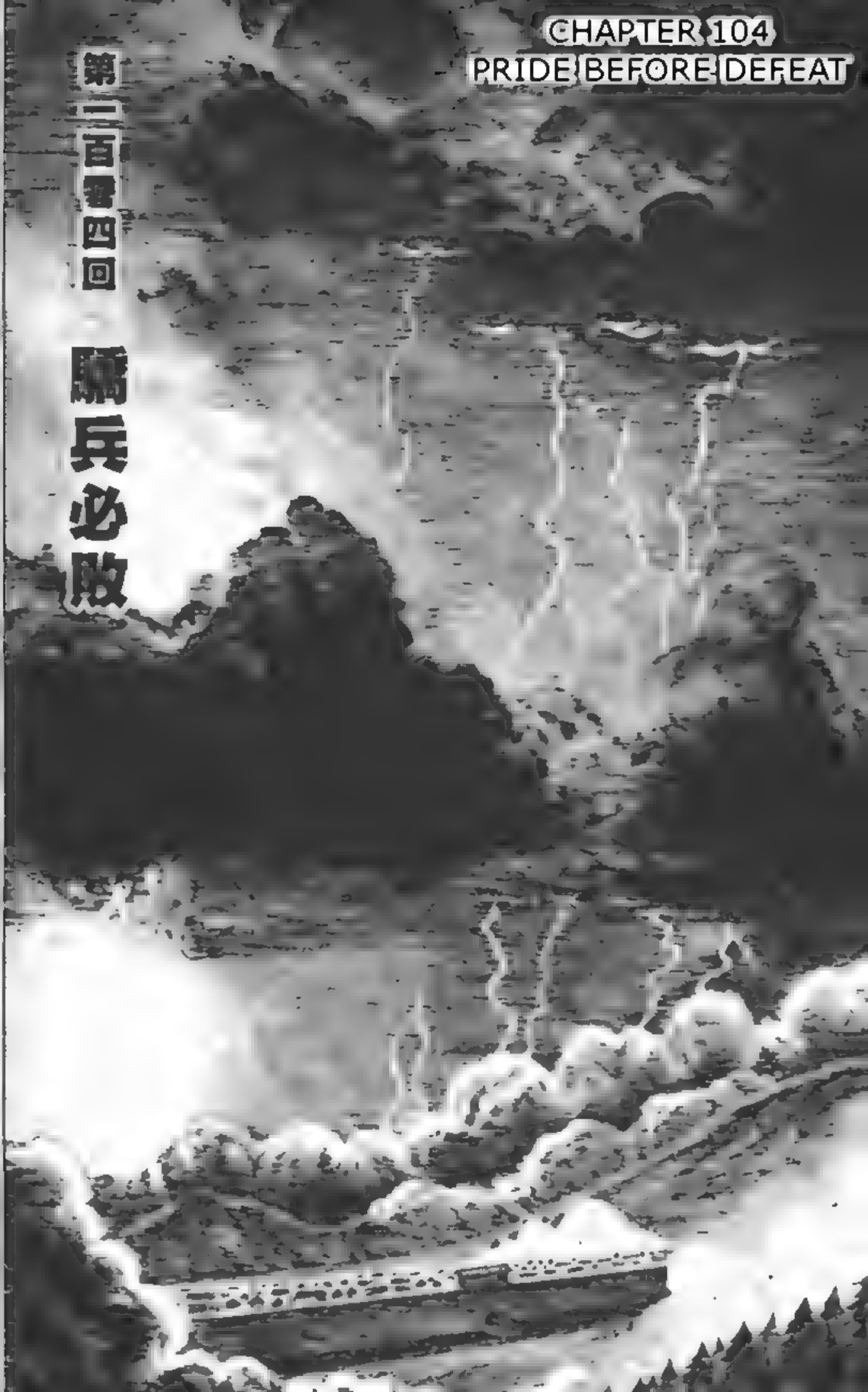
AND HERE COMES
THE DEAFENING


THERE GOES THE
SMOLDERING,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PRIDE BEFORE DEFEAT
第二百零四回
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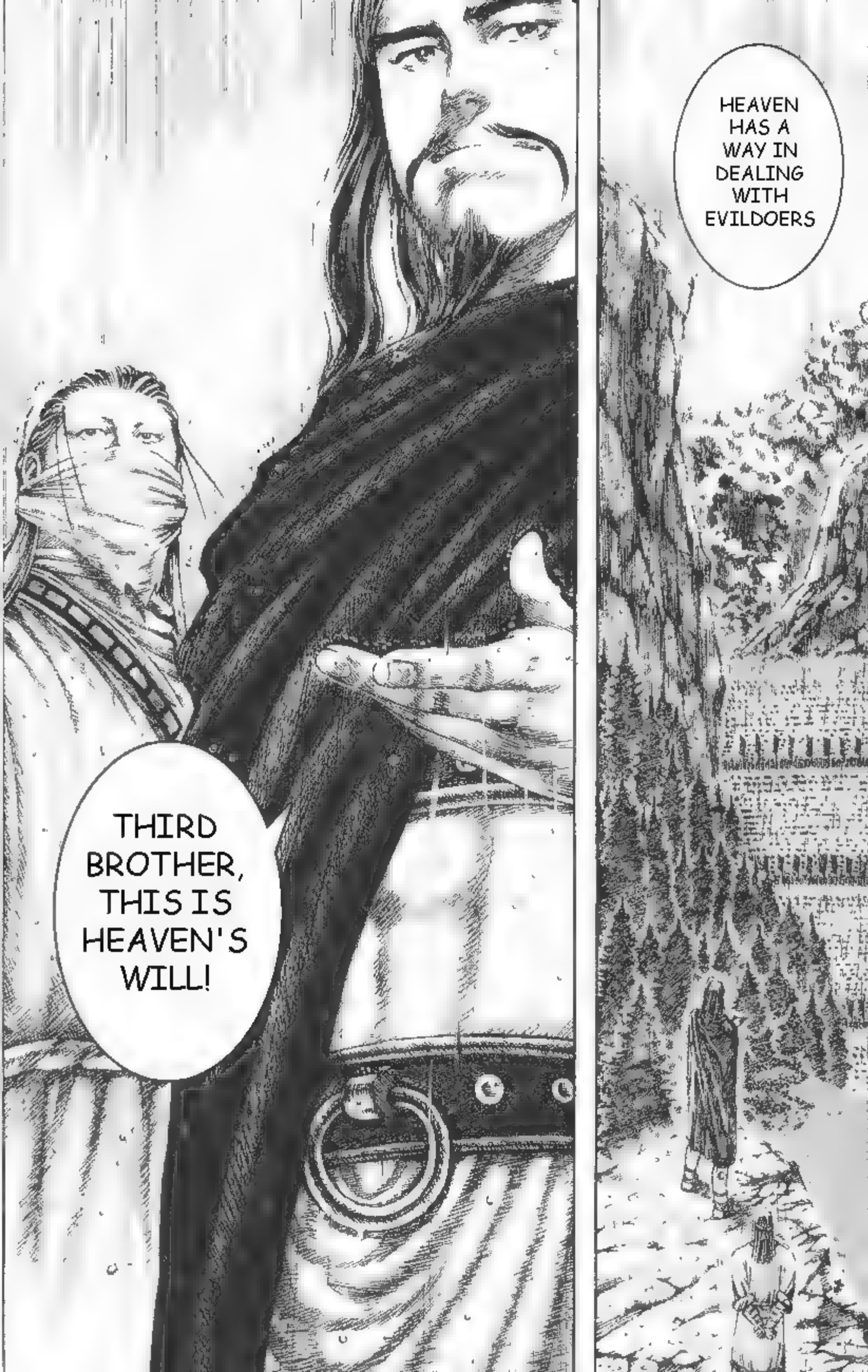
HA!
IT'S HEAVEN'S WILL!


HEAVEN HAS A WAY IN DEALING WITH EVILDOERS
THIRD BROTHER, THIS IS HEAVEN'S WILL!

NO ONE DESERVES XUZHOU MORE THAN YOU!

SINCE IT'S HEAVEN'S WILL, YOU, MY BROTHER, HAVE EVEN LESS REASON TO REFUSE THEN.

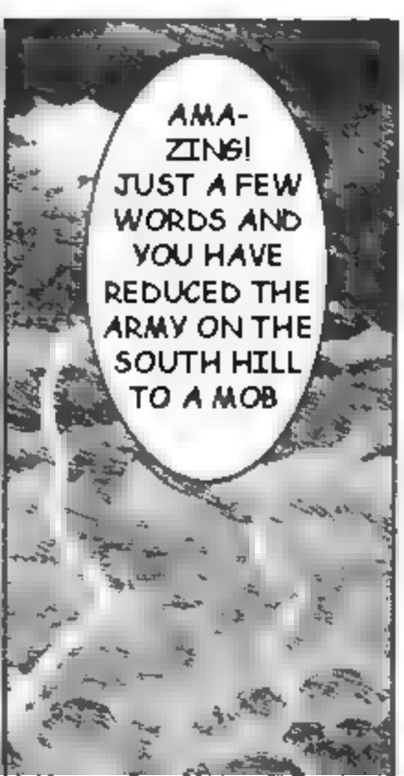
SOUTH HILL, GUO JIA'S SECOND MAIN CAMP.

WH . WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

UNRIGHTEOUS
ACTS!

WILL
BRING
HEAVEN'S
REPRI-
MAND!

THE GOD IS ANGRY!
LET'S RUN FOR IT!


AMA-ZING! JUST A FEW WORDS AND YOU HAVE REDUCED THE ARMY ON THE SOUTH HILL TO A MOB

HEAVEN... HEAVEN'S REPRI-MAND!

THIS WAY THE REIN-FORCE-MENTS CAN STILL REACH TANXIAN WITHOUT THE MOUNTAIN DEFENSE

A GOOD USE OF SHAMANISM TO SHAKE THE MORALE OF OUR MEN

ALL OF THIS REMINDS ME OF HOW ZHANG JIAO USED WITCH-CRAFT TO COMMAND THE YELLOW TURBANS

EVEN AFTER TAO QIAN'S DEATH IF THE LOSING SOLDIERS BELIEVE HEAVEN IS ON THEIR SIDE THEY WILL STILL BE MOTIVATED TO FIGHT

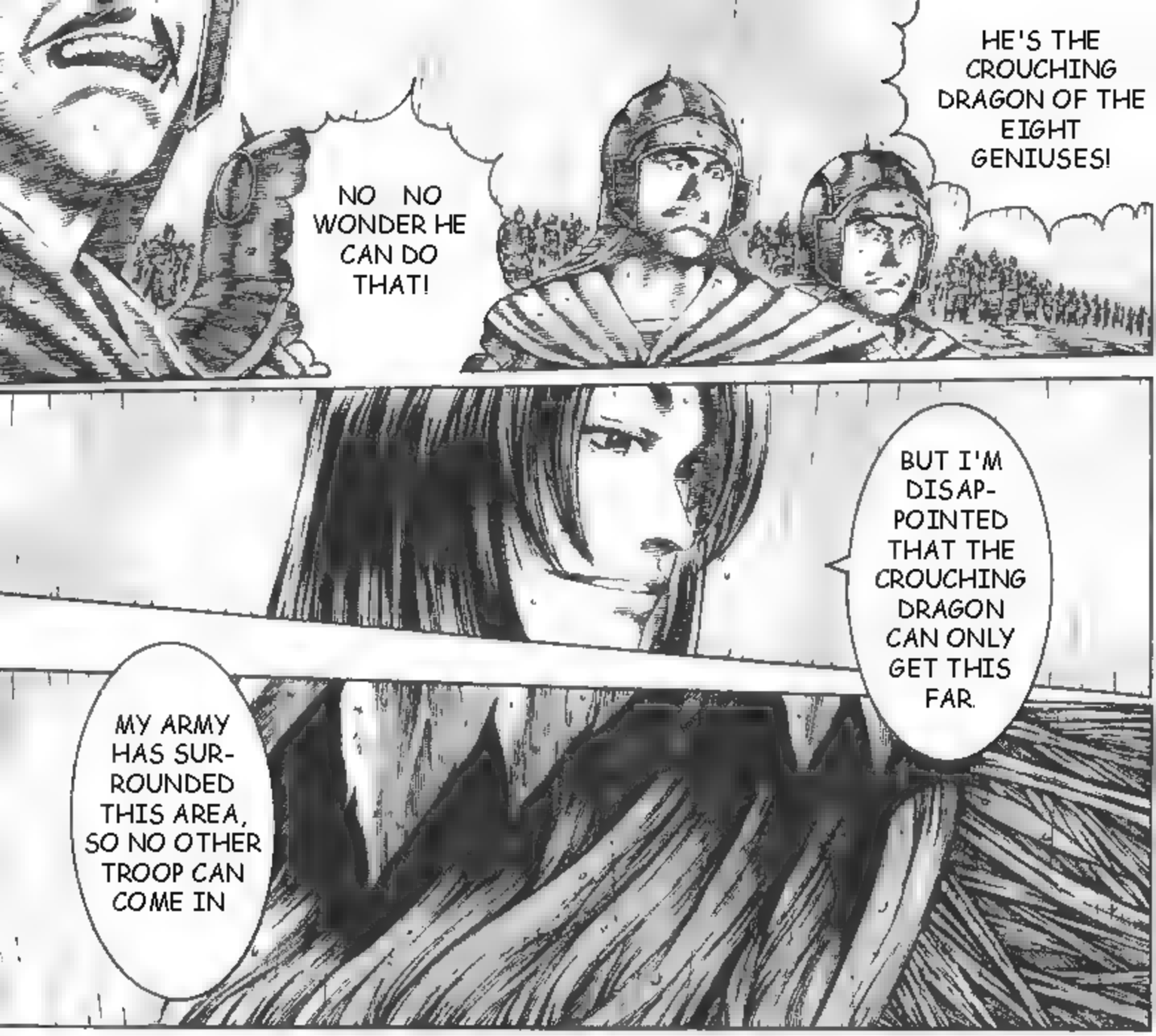
THOUGH THE WAY YOU LOOK... REALLY MAKES ME WANT TO LAUGH.

ADVISOR, PLEASE BE CAREFUL, HE KNOWS MAGIC
CHISONGZI? OR IS IT ZHANG JIAO? ADVISOR, WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU SAYING?
MAGIC ILLU-SION.
SFX: SHAA
A.. ADVISOR, PLEASE PLEASE BE MINDFUL
DON'T ANGER THE GOD!
EVERYONE, TODAY I AM HONORED TO DEMONSTRATE A SKILL BEFORE A MASTER.
COME

LIGHTNING?
A... ADVISOR

HISTORY NOTES DURING TANG'S SHANG DYNASTY A SEVEN-YEAR DROUGHT ENDED WHEN EMPEROR TANG ORDERED A CEREMONIAL BURNING OF FIRE-WOOD WHICH CAUSED A RAIN
THERE HAVE BEEN MANY CRUEL WITCHES WHO HAVE USED THIS TRICK TO CREATE RAIN THROUGH THE AGES
ONLY THE TWO OF US UNDERSTOOD MASTER WATER MIRROR'S LESSON ON SHAMANISM
AS FOR THE LIGHT-NING TRICK, IT'S JUST USING METAL TO ATTRACT LIGHTNING, AND THAT CAN BE FOUND IN CLASSICAL TEXTS
MA.. MASTER? SO THIS GUY IS
YOUR PRESENCE TODAY WILL SURELY SADDEN OUR CLASSMATES

CROUCHING
DRAGON


NO NO WONDER HE CAN DO THAT!
HE'S THE CROUCHING DRAGON OF THE EIGHT GENIUSES!

BUT I'M DISAP-POINTED THAT THE CROUCHING DRAGON CAN ONLY GET THIS FAR.
MY ARMY HAS SUR-ROUNDED THIS AREA, SO NO OTHER TROOP CAN COME IN

AND THIS IS THE BEST TRAP FOR THE CROUCHING DRAGON.

THE FIRE MAY BE EXTIN-GUISHED, BUT TANXIAN IS STILL OBTAIN-ABLE

SFX: PENG~
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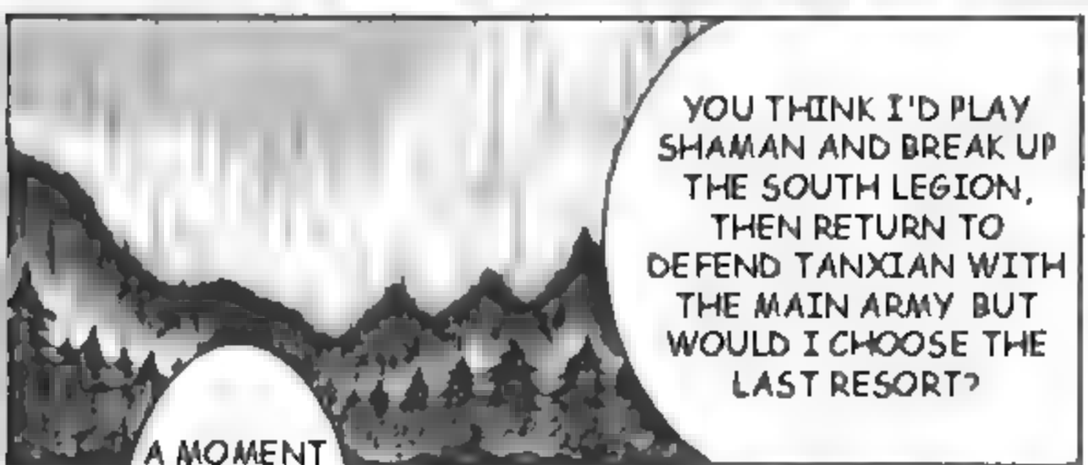
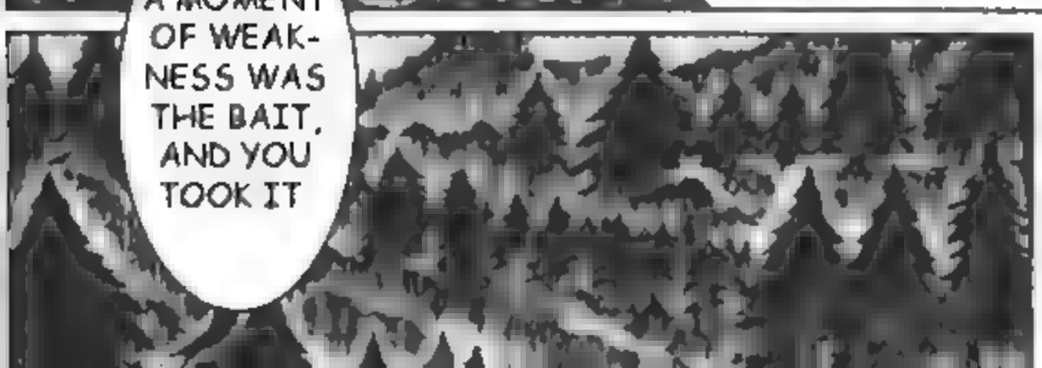
UNFOR-
TUNATELY,
YOU
DIDN'T
TRAP THE
CROUCHING
DRAGON.

TO HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THIS TROUBLE, YOU MUST BE REALLY AFRAID OF THIS SEVENTH!
TH... THIS VOICE... HE'S NOT ONE OF THE EIGHT!
I WAS THINKING, WHY DID CAO CAO LEAVE BEHIND A WEAK HOMEBASE? TO LURE LU BU, OF COURSE!
CROUCHING DRAGON DID COME BUT
HE'S NOT HERE, AND GUESS WHERE?
BUT IN ORDER TO LURE HIM OUT, THAT WON'T BE ENOUGH... HE NEEDS SOMETHING ONLY XUZHOU HAS.

AND THAT "SOME-THING" IS ON THE WEST SIDE, RIGHT?

ADVISOR THE SOUTH LEGION THAT SHOULD BE GOING TO THE WEST
IS NOW A COMPLETE MESS I'M AFRAID


YOU THINK I'D PLAY SHAMAN AND BREAK UP THE SOUTH LEGION, THEN RETURN TO DEFEND TANXIAN WITH THE MAIN ARMY BUT WOULD I CHOOSE THE LAST RESORT?


A MOMENT OF WEAK-NESS WAS THE BAIT, AND YOU TOOK IT

HAHA! SO IT IS ON THE WEST SIDE

MISTER GUO JIA, CROUCHING DRAGON IS NOW LEADING THE REINFORCE-MENTS WEST-WARD
I'LL HANDLE HIM, ADVISOR, PLEASE HEAD FOR THE WEST SIDE
THIS VOICE
I DIDN'T LOOK FOR YOU YET YOU CAME TO ME INSTEAD?
CORRECT THAT YEAR AT PING-YANG PASS,
INSIDE GUAN-DONG ALLI-ANCE'S MAIN TENT
THE WEATHER CHANGED, THE LOCA-TIONS ARE WRONG, AND THE TROOPS ARE NOT COOPERATING RIGHT BACK AT YOU

THE ONE WHO SOLVED THE PUZZLE ALONGSIDE CROUCHING DRAGON...

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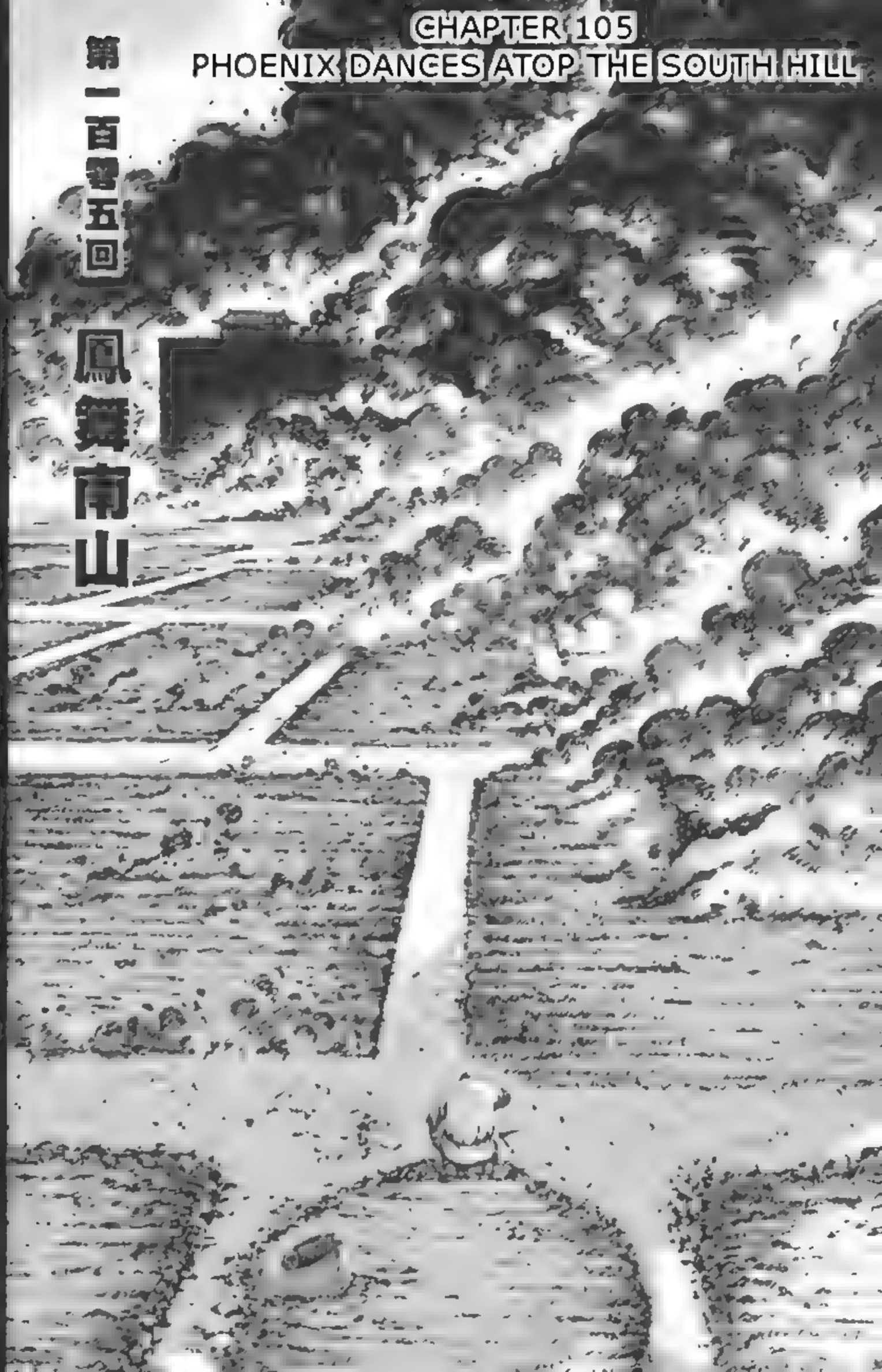
THAT STINKING BRAT!

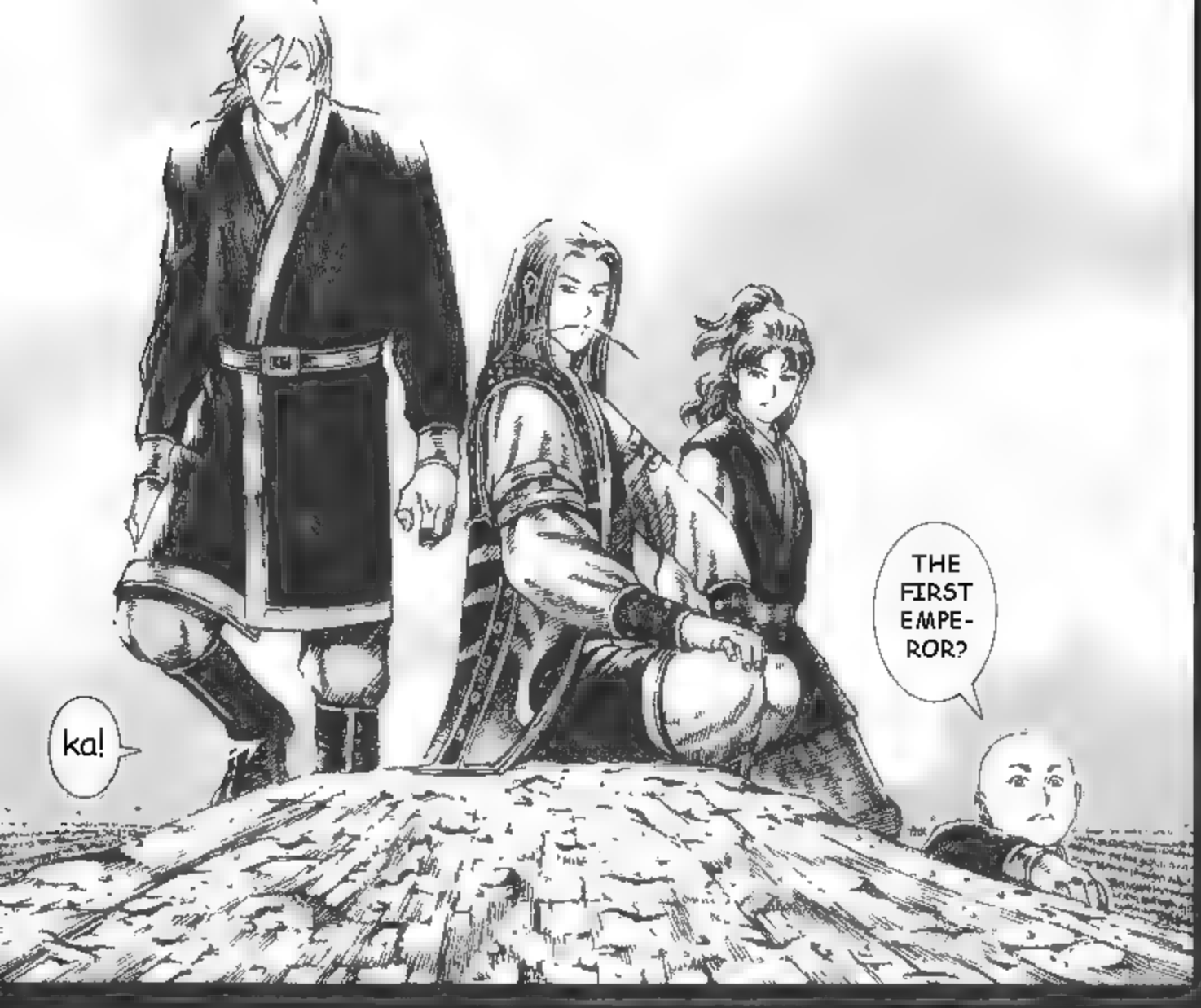
XUZHOU
GONE
. . .
ALL
GONE...

CHAPTER 105
PHOENIX DANCES ATOP THE SOUTH HILL

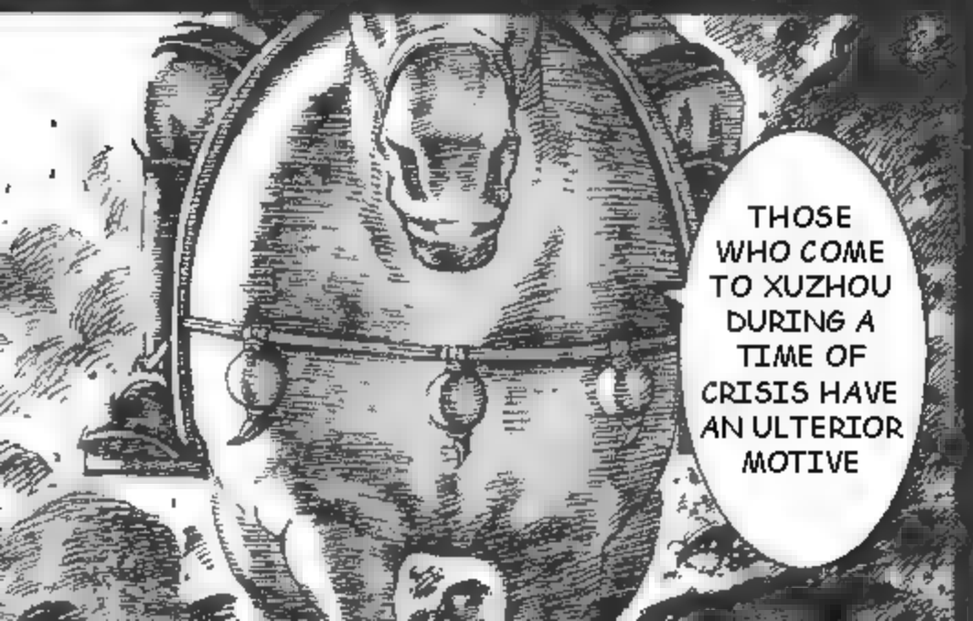


HOMES DESTROYED, FAMILIES KILLED, AND GOOD FARMLANDS BURNED THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU ARE REALLY
FOOD IS A TYPE OF CAPITAL TOO AND IT WOULD BE HARDER TO REQUEST FOR AID FROM O THER LORDS WITHOUT FOOD IN RETURN. THAT'S THE FIRST EXTREMITY
CONSE-QUENTLY THE SOLDIERS BECOME DEPRESSED AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD ON MUCH LONGER. THAT'S THE SECOND EXTREMITY
YOUNG MASTER, WE DIDN'T COME TO XUZHOU TO PRAISE CAO CAO, DID WE
SHH! SOME-ONE'S COMING

THE FIRST EMPEROR QIN IS COMING.


ka!
THE FIRST EMPE-ROR?

PLEASE COME OUT, MISTER!
MISTER, YOU WOULD COMPARE CAO CAO TO THE FIRST EMPEROR?


THOSE WHO COME TO XUZHOU DURING A TIME OF CRISIS HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE

YOUNG MISTER SIMA, ARE YOU HERE TO SOLVE A PUZZLE AGAIN?

TULA! SHE'S THE CREATURE DEMON HAS FORCED TO GET INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD
HOW... DO YOU KNOW?
DON'T PUSH IT. I'M GOOD AT SOLVING PUZZLES

LEI GUO JIA IS ALREADY THAT MASTERFUL AND NOW WITH HIM. WHY DON'T WE .
YOU WANT TO KILL HIM HERE?
NO, I DON'T THINK HE'S LIKE THAT
HOW DO YOU KNOW? YOU'RE NOT OUR YOUNG MASTER.
DID YOU SEE WHAT HIS HORSE WAS CARRYING?

SINCE YOU'VE RECEIVED THE TITLE, WHY DO YOU STILL COVER YOUR FACE?
HOO, WHY DON'T YOU GUESS WHAT MY GOAL IS?
WE THINK ALIKE, MISTER SO YOU CAN JUST SAY IT STRAIGHT OUT
THIS PUZZLE IS TOO BORING

YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD ABOUT THE CLOSE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE SIMA AND CAO CLANS SO
WE'VE CAUGHT A DIS-SENTER
BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT THE SIMA CLAN HAS A LOT OF INVESTMENTS IN TANXIAN AND CAO CAO STILL ATTACKS IT SO THEN..
I'M HERE TO DEAL WITH CAO CAO.
LOOKS LIKE YOU KNOW THE WORLD'S EVENTS WITHOUT LEAVING THE HOUSE!
HA HA
WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE WITHOUT THE MASK?

ONCE AGAIN, YOUNG MISTER SIMA, WE'RE THINKING ALONG THE SAME LINES
YOU'VE NOTICED IT TOO, RIGHT?
SEEING THIS SCORCHED FARMLAND ,
IT'S NOT A NORMAL WAY OF BURNING . TOO BAD SHIXIONG'S TRICK CANNOT FOOL US
THE FIRE IS RAGING, BUT THERE ISN'T SO MUCH ASH
XUZHOU COVERS A LOT OF TERRITORY, SO DEPLOYMENT IS DIFFICULT THE BURNING TACTIC IS ONE METHOD, BUT THERE IS ONE CONCERN
BASED ON THIS KIND OF MOBILI-ZATION I SAY THERE IS A SPY WITHIN CAO CAO'S ARMY
YES IN ADDITION TO ATTACK-ING XUZHOU HE'S ALSO AFTER LU BU

SO THEN WE CAME UP WITH ANOTHER STRATEGY
EXCEPT ONE MISSING COMPONENT. A CAPABLE MILITARY COMMANDER.
YOU WANT ME TO ASSIST HIM? BUT I HAVE TO
GENERAL ZHAO YUN AN OLD ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE IS AT TANXIAN WOULD YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME ON MY BEHALF?
I'M ONLY GOOD AT SOLVING PUZZLES NOT AS GOOD A COMMANDER AS YOU AND ALSO.
I'M VERY INTERESTED IN STRANGE COSTUMES

YOU KNOW THIS WICKED WAY TOO?
MISTER. I DON'T THINK CHISONGZI LOOKS LIKE THIS
HAHA, THAT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THE ONE I MADE
LOOKS LIKE I REALLY SHOULD MARRY A WOMAN WHO HAS GOOD CRAFTSMAN-SHIP
HE'S GOING TO TAKE OFF HIS MASK
NOW THAT YOU HAVE ALREADY BECOME THE CROUCHING DRAGON MISTER. DO YOU WANT TO JOIN THE GODS AS WELL?

SPLASH!
THIS IS FOR THE DECEASED PEOPLE OF XUZHOU
YOUNG MASTER, I CAN POUR ANOTHER
NO NEED
YOUNG MISTER SIMA, IT'S A PLEASURE WORKING WITH YOU

NO
AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO WIN
THIS IS YOUR SECOND COLLABO-RA-TION, RIGHT?
I HATE YOU
YEAH, HE'S A TOUGH ONE TO FIGURE OUT, NO WONDER.

I MEANT THAT IN THIS CORRUPTION-INFESTED WORLD
I HATE YOU

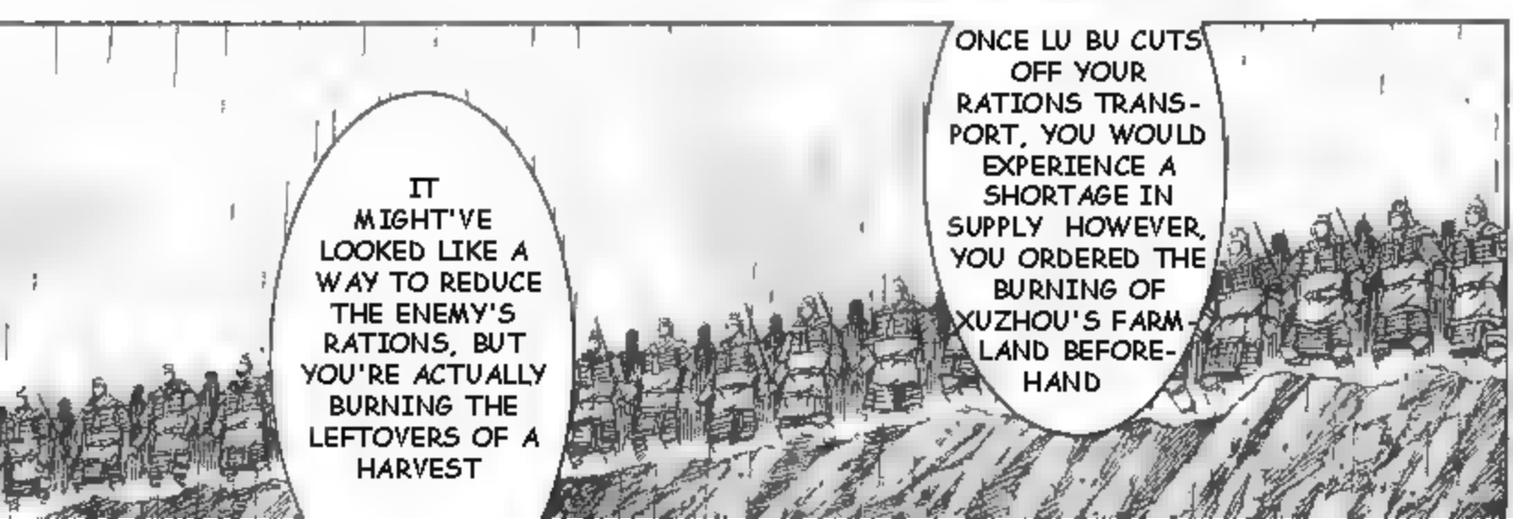
RIGH-
TEOUS
PEOPLE
ARE OFTEN
HATED.
HAHA,
CAN YOUNG
MASTER
REALLY
QUALIFY
AS ONE?

PROCEEDING ON TWO FRONTS LOOKS LIKE I REALLY WAS PLAYED BY THE TWO OF YOU
SO YOU DISRUPT OUR MEN ON THE SOUTH SIDE, WHILE MY SHIDI LEADS HIS MEN TO THE WEST.

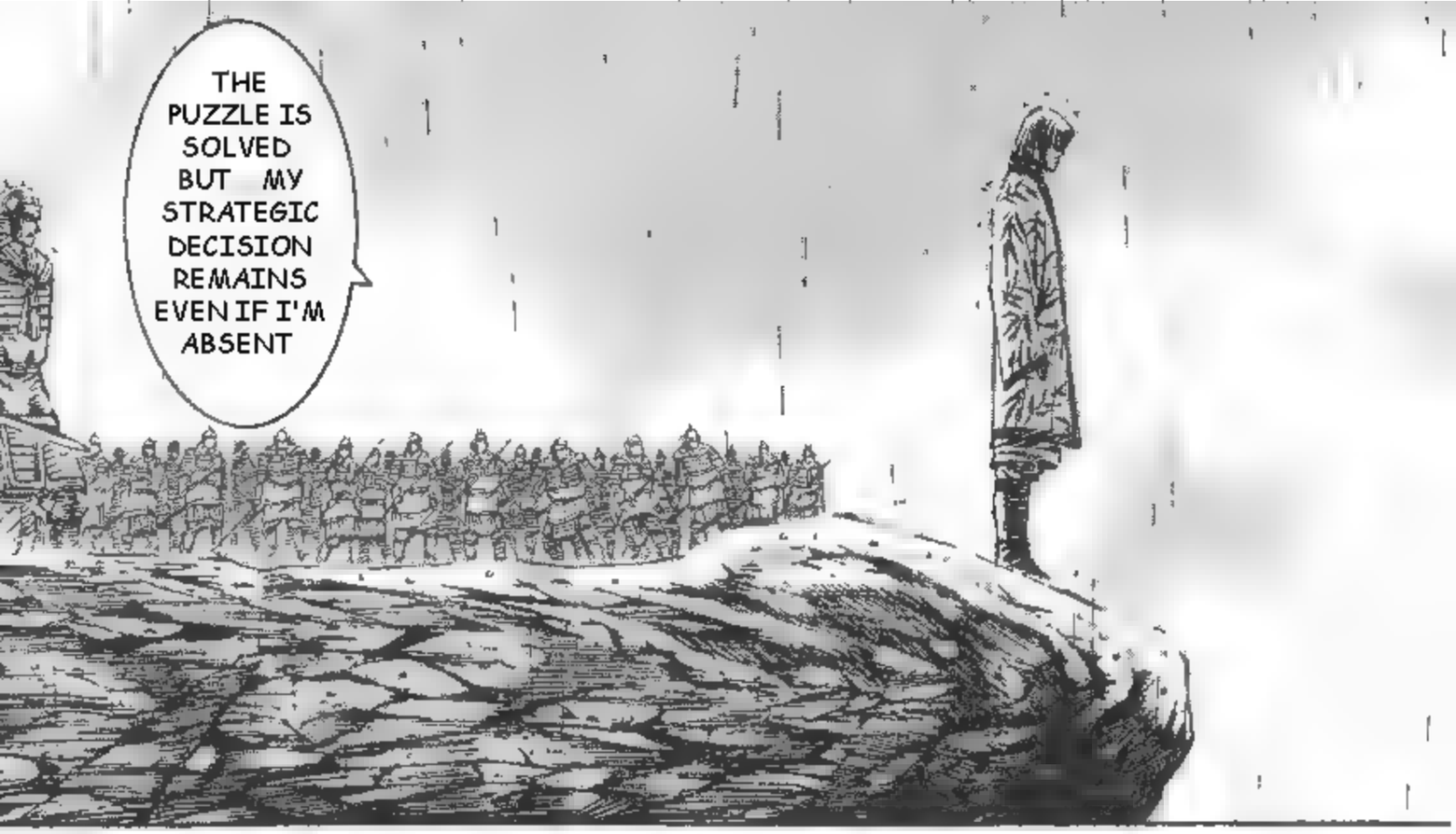
THEN WHAT DO YOU TWO THINK THAT "SOME-THING" IS?

WE MUST MAKE YOU LOSE THAT "SOMETHING" IF WE WANT TO DEFEAT YOU

BASED ON HIS PAST CONDUCTS LU BU NEVER MOBILIZES WITHOUT FINDING OUT THE EXACT AMOUNT OF RATIONS THE ENEMY HAS SO FOR THE XUZHOU CAMPAIGN YOU MADE SURE TO BRING ONLY A SMALL AMOUNT TO TEMPT HIM
ATTACKING XUZHOU IS ONE GOAL. AND FORCING LU BU OUT OF CHENLIU TO KILL HIM IS ANOTHER. BUT YOU NEED TO DO ONE THING IN ORDER TO MAKE LU BU MOBILIZE HIS ARMY


IT MIGHT'VE LOOKED LIKE A WAY TO REDUCE THE ENEMY'S RATIONS, BUT YOU'RE ACTUALLY BURNING THE LEFTOVERS OF A HARVEST
ONCE LU BU CUTS OFF YOUR RATIONS TRANS-PORT, YOU WOULD EXPERIENCE A SHORTAGE IN SUPPLY HOWEVER, YOU ORDERED THE BURNING OF XUZHOU'S FARM-LAND BEFORE-HAND

THEREFORE THAT "SOMETHING" IS THE HARVESTED BACKUP SUPPLY FOR CAO CAO!
ADVISOR, PLEASE LET ME LEAD A TROOP THERE TO PROTECT THE RATIONS!
HOW... HOW DOES THIS GUY KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP TO?


THE PUZZLE IS SOLVED BUT MY STRATEGIC DECISION REMAINS EVEN IF I'M ABSENT

OH RIGHT WHERE IS YUE JIN?
FOR EXAMPLE GENERAL YUE JIN'S HIGHLY MOBILE FORCE HAS ALREADY BEEN SENT TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION

CROUCHING DRAGON TOLD ME THAT MISTER GUO IS GOOD AT MAKING STRATEGIC DECISIONS, THUS IF ONE TACTIC FALLS THROUGH, THERE IS ALWAYS A REPLACEMENT

IT'S RAINING ON THE SOUTH SIDE SO I HAD TO COME PERSONALLY TO REASSURE THE TROOPS

BUT THERE IS NO RAIN ON THE WEST SIDE SO DO YOU THINK CROUCHING DRAGON CAN STILL USE WITCHCRAFT? BESIDES I HAVE ALREADY PLACED TRAPS EVERYWHERE

I REALLY WANT TO KNOW WHAT ELSE YOU GUYS CAN DO TO DEFEAT ME

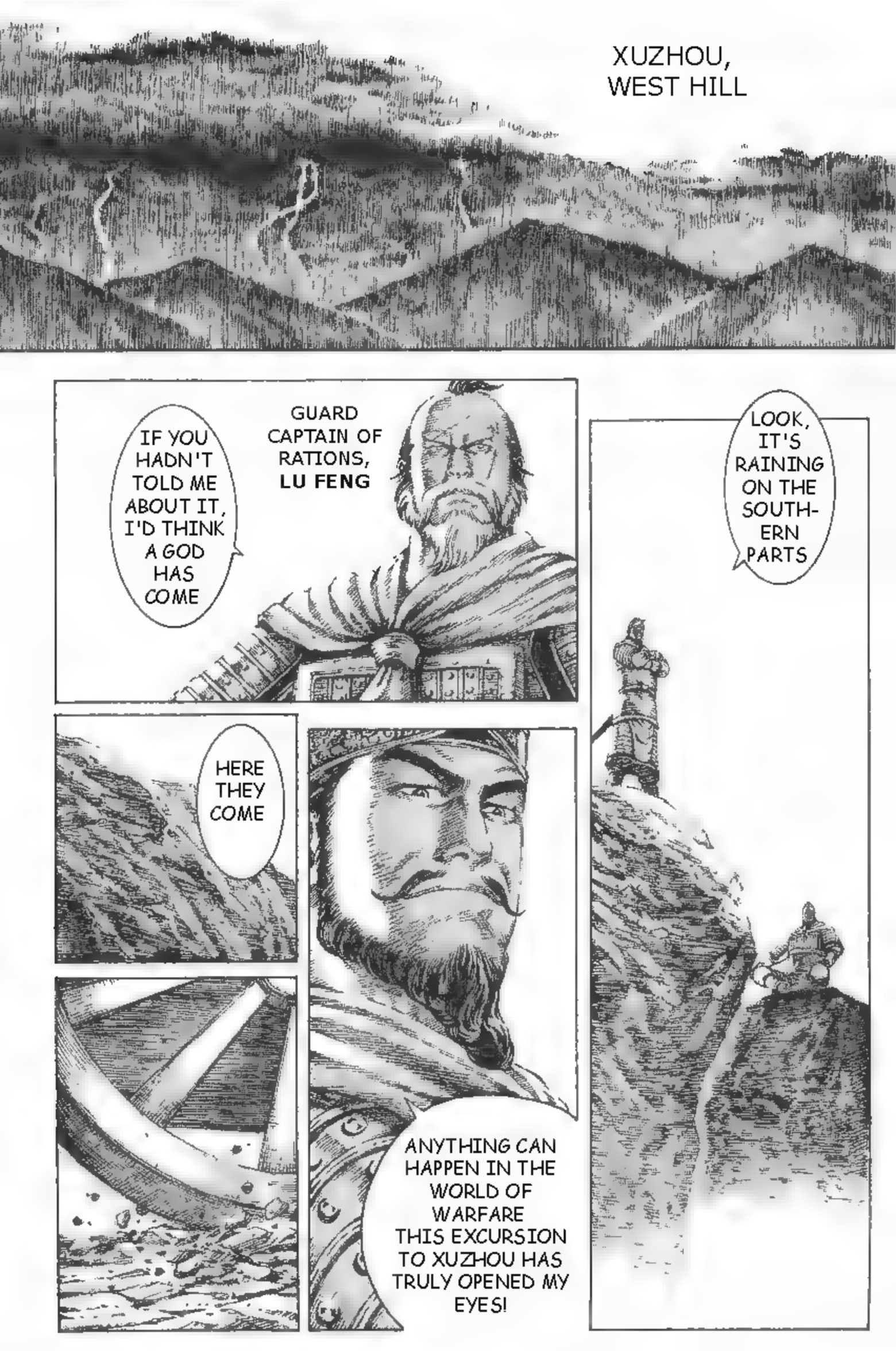
MY DECISIONS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EVERY POSSIBILITY

WORTHY OF BEING CALLED THE KING OF STRATEGIC DECISIONS NO WONDER ING DRAGON HAS THE HIGHEST PRAISE FOR YOU

INCLUDING SECRETLY SENDING YOUR MEN UP HERE?

THOUGH SOME THINGS MUST'VE BEEN UNPREDICTABLE
WE'RE SURROUNDED OBVIOUSLY
ANG, WHAT DO YOU SEE?
THAT WAS UNEXPECTED
TRUE I DIDN'T LOOK FOR YOU BUT YOU CAME TO ME INSTEAD.
NO, I'M TALKING ABOUT AN UNTRACEABLE WILD CARD.
NOT ONLY DOES HE KNOW THIS MOUNTAIN LIKE THE BACK OF HIS HAND

MY SUBORDINATE ONCE TOLD ME HE IS EVEN MORE TROUBLESOME THAN LU BUI


XUZHOU,
WEST HILL
GUARD CAPTAIN OF RATIONS, LU FENG
IF YOU HADN'T TOLD ME ABOUT IT, I'D THINK A GOD HAS COME
LOOK, IT'S RAINING ON THE SOUTH-ERN PARTS
HERE THEY COME
ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN IN THE WORLD OF WARFARE THIS EXCURSION TO XUZHOU HAS TRULY OPENED MY EYES!

CHAPTER 106
DRAGON SWIRLS AROUND THE WEST HILL

THANKS
THE AMBUSH IS READY
THOUGH ORIGINALLY IT WAS FOR TRANSPORTING RATIONS, AND NOW
OLD LU, YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE A HIGH MARK TODAY
DON'T MENTION IT
LOOK
THE SCOUT HAS ARRIVED
ONCE TAO QIAN'S REMAINING TROOPS ARE DESTROYED, OUR MEN AT XUZHOU CAN THEN FOCUS ALL OF THEIR ENERGY ON FIGHTING LU BU

I HEAR HORSES. IT'S THE CAVALRY!
TAO QIAN'S REINFORCE-MENTS ARE COMING THIS WAY JUST AS THE ADVISOR PREDICTED

ARCHERS, GET READY!
STRANGE, THEY'RE A MESS!
YOU'RE RIGHT A VANGUARD CANNOT POSSIBLY BE THAT DISORDERLY!
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THEY'RE COMING! HEADING FOR THE RATIONS TRANSPORT AT GREAT SPEED!

XIA...
XIAHOU
YUAN!?

IS ANYONE THERE? PLEASE HELP GENERAL XIAHOU!

YUE JIN, THE ENEMY HAS MIXED WITH OUR TROOPS, SH... SHOULD WE STILL FIRE?
WE MUST SAVE XIAHOU YUAN! DRILL-SHAPED FORMATION, STRAIGHT INTO THEIR CAVALRY!
殺

HIS DEFEAT
HE KEEPS OUR ARCHERS FROM FIRING. THIS COMMANDER HAS SOME SERIOUS TALENT!
YUE JIN, THIS MAN IS MINE!
ENEMY OFFICER ONE-ON-ONE!

NOW
IT IS!

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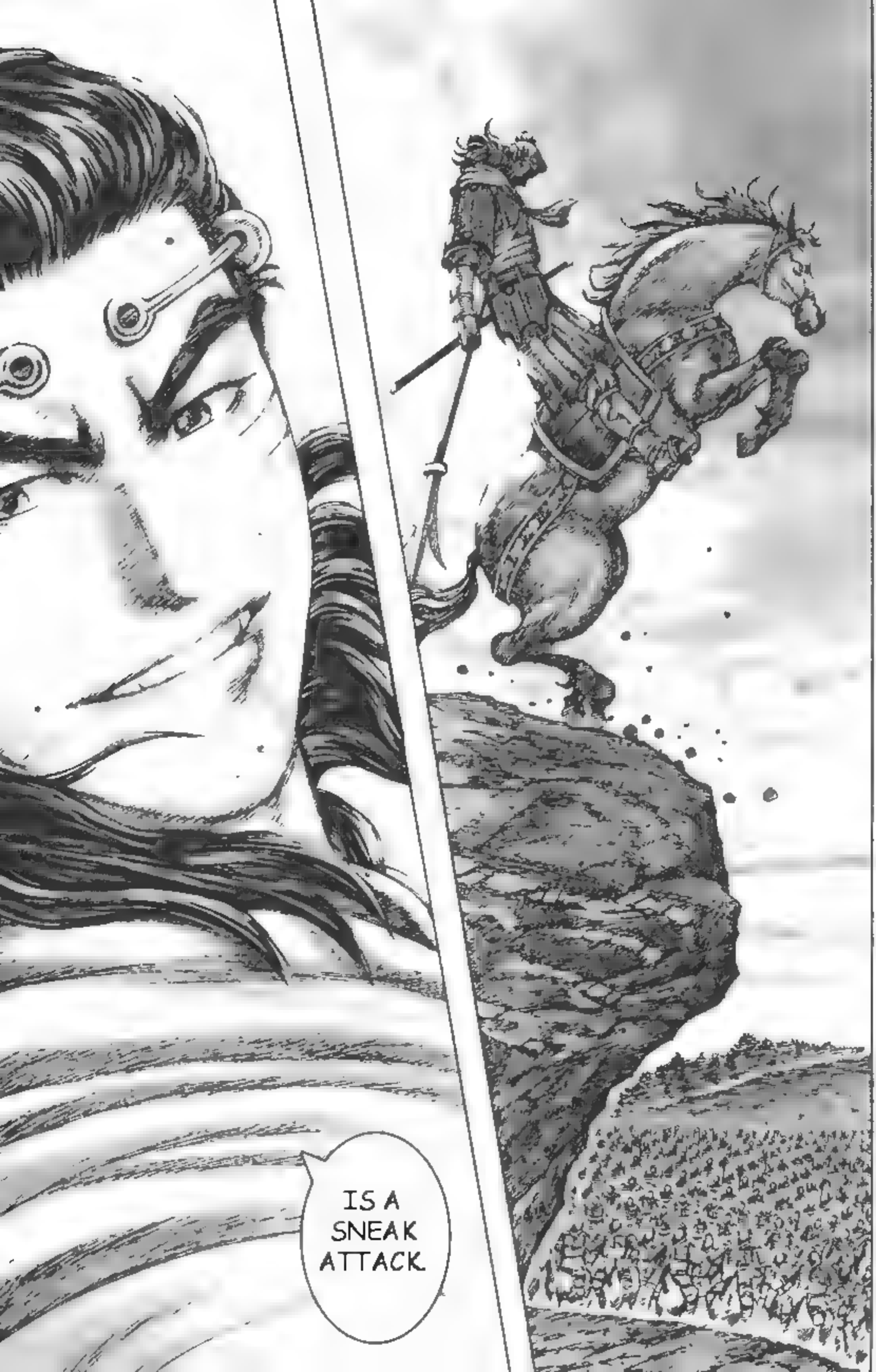
SFX
DANG
DAMNIT!
AND
THIS

GOD-
DAMN-
IT!
嗚呵


IS A SNEAK ATTACK.

GENERAL ZHANG IT'S JUST LIKE YOU PREDICTED
CAO CAO'S RATIONS TRANSPORT REALLY IS HERE
WHY WAIT? TEAM TWO, CHARGE!
殺
YUE JIN, THE ENEMY TROOP IS WITHIN REACH OF THE TRANSPORT CARTS!
A TALENT

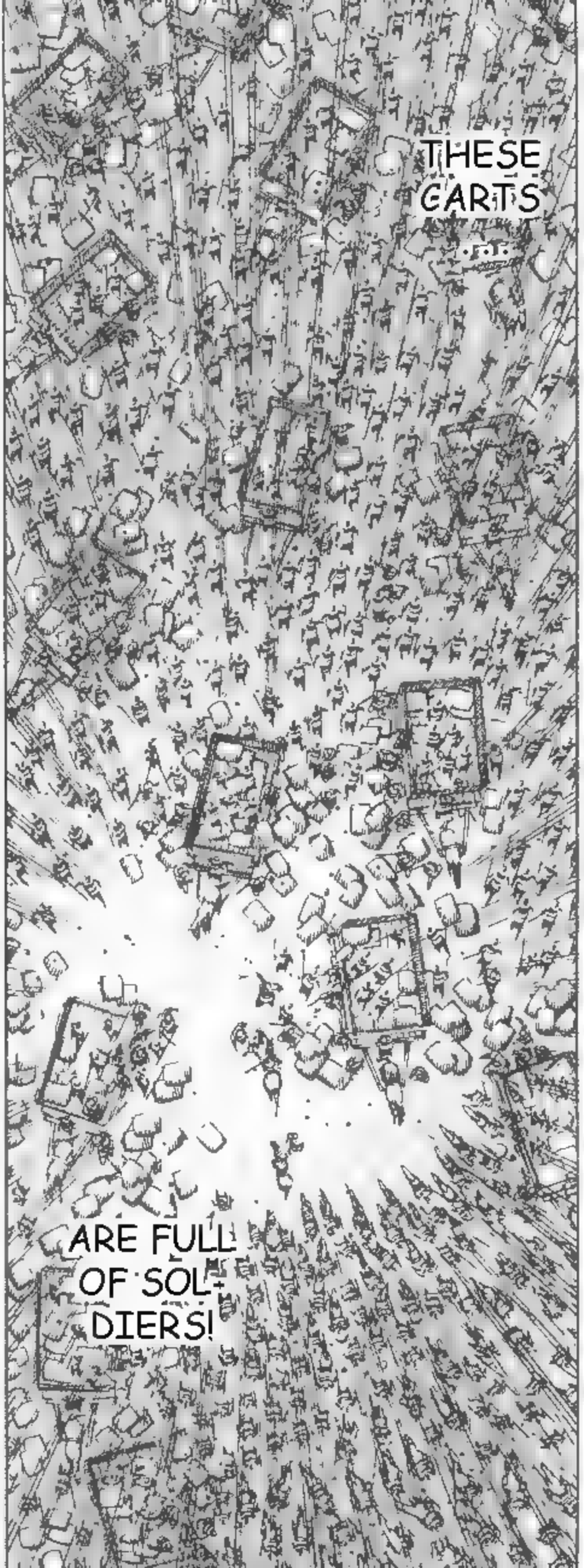
TOO BAD HEAVEN IS JEALOUS OF TALENTED MEN!
SHO TING KI
殺
LISTEN UP! BURN THESE RATIONS!
THEY'RE HERE

DO IT!
WH...
WHAT?!

SO SO THERE ARE

MISTER, YOUR PREDICTION SKILL SURE SURPASSES THAT OF GUO JIA
ACTUALLY, I WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN WHERE ZHANG LIAO WAS IF THE TRANS-PORT HADN'T APPEARED

THEN WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP, MISTER?


THESE CARTS
ARE FULL OF SOL-DIERS!

SINCE THE WIND HAS TURNED THE RATIONS TRANSPORT WILL BE GOING THROUGH MAKENG VALLEY TO AVOID THE FIRE
GOT IT

LISTEN UP! HEAD FOR MAKENG VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOR A SNEAK ATTACK!
HA HA!
GENERAL ZHAO, THAT MAN
XUZHOU SOUTH HILL
MISTER GUO, YOU USED THE TRANSPORT AS BAIT FOR TAO QIAN'S REIN-FORCEMENTS THEREFORE WHOEVER COMES SHALL DIE
ADVISOR A BATTLE HAS BROKEN OUT ON THE WEST SIDE BUT BUT
RATIONS ARE A NECESSITY TO CAO CAO, AND IF HE LOSES THEM
HE WOULD DEFINITELY BE DEFEATED, AND LU BU WILL TAKE THE OPPORTU-NITY TO OCCUPY THE TERRITORIES OF YAN AND XU

THE WIND HAS TURNED, SO XUZHOU'S RATIONS TRANS-PORT HAS CHANGED THEIR ROUTE THROUGH MAKENG VALLEY

BUT IF ZHANG LIAO IS ATTACKING YOUR TRANSPORT IN SECRET, IT MUST MEAN THAT . LU BU IS ALSO AWARE OF YOUR BACKUP RATIONS!
IF LU BU KNOWS THAT TOO, WHAT ELSE WOULD HE PREPARE?
AND THE ONE WHO WILL FACE YOUR AMBUSH ON THE WEST HILL IS A SCAPEGOAT ZHANG LIAO
IF LU BU KNOWS THE CROUCHING DRAGON HAS SEIZED YOUR RATIONS HOW WILL YOU CLEAN UP THIS MESS THEN?

MIS-
TER
SIMA!
THAT'S THE LAST PUZZLE, AS MY PARTING GIFT TO YOU
MAY YOU REMAIN STRONG AND HEALTHY

QUICK! OVER THERE!
DON'T THANK ME I HAD TO COLLABORATE WITH CROUCH-ING DRAGON IN ORDER TO DEFEAT YOU, REALLY
NOTHING TO BRAG ABOUT!

WHERE DID THEY GO?
ON THAT DAY, GUO JIA FINALLY COLLAPSED...

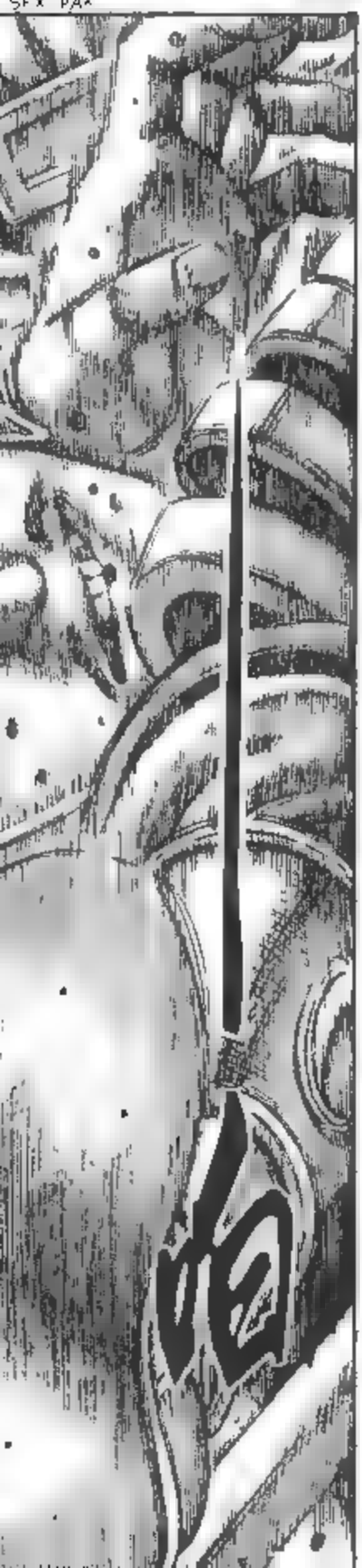
THERE ARE NO FOOLS, ONLY MEN WHO THINK THEY'RE MERCIFUL!
WEST HILL
WE OUTNUM-BER THEM AFTER ALL!
DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!
殺
KILL THEM ALL!

CHAPTER 107
MERCIFUL OR MERCILESS :
RIGHTEOUS OR UNRIGHTEOUS
第一百零七回
仁不仁・義不義

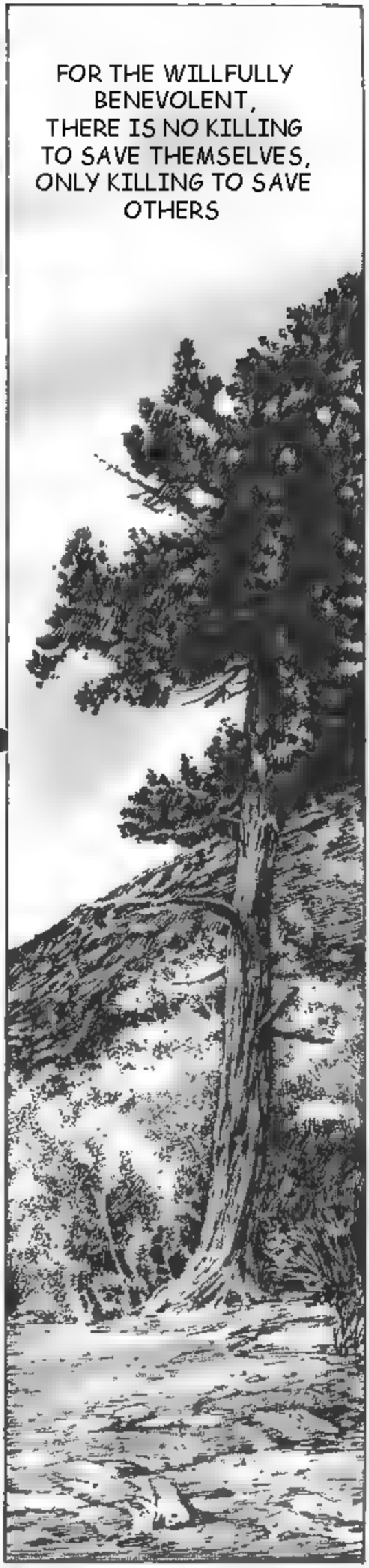
GENERAL! WE'RE THE LAST GROUP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME! RETURN TO THE BACK SIDE!
YOU GUYS HEAR THAT? RETREAT TO THE BACK SIDE IMME-DIATELY!
I EXCEL IN THIS KIND OF TERRAIN.
I REPEAT ,

NO ONE HAS EVER GOTTEN PAST MY STRIKING DISTANCE.
COME.

THIS PATH IS LONG, BUT IT'S MINE TO TAKE.


SEX PA

SHO TING KI
殺


FOR THE WILLFULLY BENEVOLENT, THERE IS NO KILLING TO SAVE THEMSELVES, ONLY KILLING TO SAVE OTHERS

MINE
TO
TAKE.

SFX PA~
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SHO TING WAH~
I FEEL LIKE XIANG YU, THE CONQUEROR FROM WEST CHU, WHEN HE WAS SURROUNDED BY ENEMIES AT HE XIA
HA HA HA, COME COME COME!

SFX CHA~
DOES THIS FEEL FAMILIAR?

THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A SNEAK ATTACK.
I RETURN THIS TO YOU.
SFX: PA~
IT IS THE CONQUEROR'S MOST POIGNANT MOMENT

SFx PENG~

HOW IS A SNEAK ATTACK DIFFERENT FOR ARMIES AND FOR TWO MEN?

WHAT ?
IS HE YOUR FRIEND?
I KNOW YOU'RE LAUGHING AT ME.
HA HA. ANNOYING PREACHER.

UP THERE...
I THOUGHT OUR COLLABO-RATION WAS OVER WHY DID YOU COME BACK?
I'M HERE TO LAUGH AT YOU WHO WOULD DIE FOR AN UNRIGH-TEOUS MAN

WHO?
LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE BEYOND HOPE IN YOUR ADMIRATION FOR THAT UNHUMAN.
SH... SHIT.
YOU DON'T KNOW ALL OF IT.

I RESPECT RIGHTEOUS MEN THE MOST, AND I SYMPATHIZE THE MOST WITH THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DECEIVED
LU BU IS NOT AN UNRIGHTEOUS MAN!
IF YOU SAY MY LORD IS UNRIGHTEOUS, THEN WHY WOULD YOU SAVE HIS MINION?
I'M HERE TO SAVE
AN OFFICER WHO WOULD DIE FOR HIS SUBORDINATES
YOU FLATTER ME TOO MUCH
YOUR EYES SPEAK OTHERWISE.

THIS MAN IS GUAN YU, A WARRIOR WORTH A THOUSAND

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I DREW THIS LINE OF BLOOD
WHOEVER DARES TO ENTER SHALL JOIN IT
A... A MATCH FOR LU BU!
GENERAL YUE JIN...

AS YOU PLEASE
GOOD BYE.
THANK YOU FOR SEEING US OFF.
GENERAL YUE JIN, WHY WOULD YOU...

BUT, THINK ABOUT THIS OUR DEPLOYMENT SHOULD COVER THIS AREA
YOU GUYS MUST BE LAUGHING AT MY COWARDICE, RIGHT?
YET GUAN YU COULD COME AND GO BY HIMSELF...
SOMETHING IS GOING ON AT THE MAKENG VALLEY
HURRY! GO AROUND TO HELP THEM!
THEN THEN
UNLESS THE ENTRANCE GUARDS

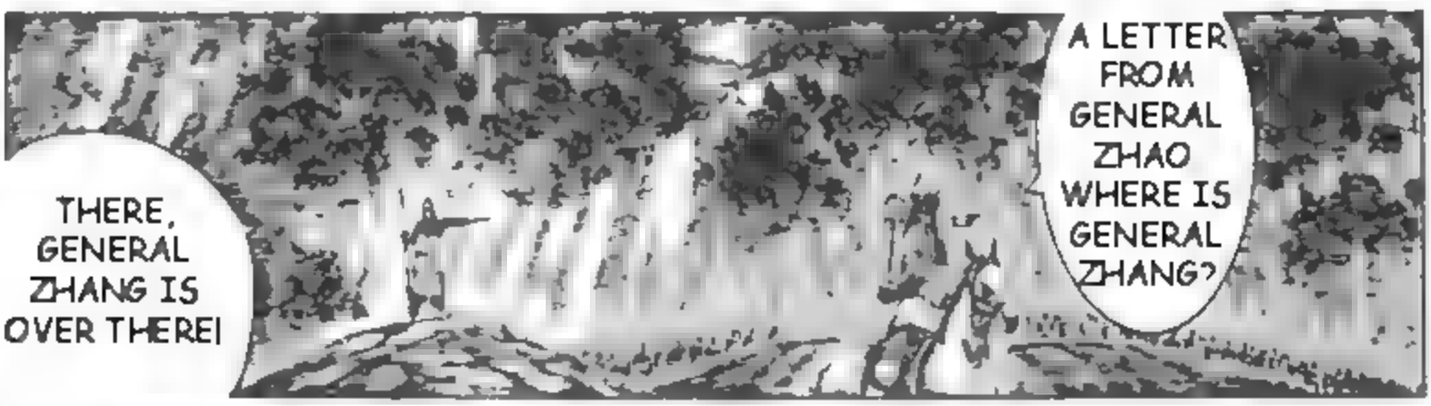
MAKENG VALLEY
THE RATIONS TRANSPORT THAT GOES TO CAO CAO WILL BE HERE SOON IN THIS WIND FIRE IS BEST
GUAN YU HAS LED HIS ASSAULT ON THE AMBUSH IN THE HILLS THEY CAN DEFEND AGAINST YUE JIN'S MEN WITH THE HELP OF THE TERRAIN
WHY DO YOU THINK SO, MISTER?
YES, AND YOU ARE THE PERFECT MAN TO DO IT, GENERAL.
"THE FIRE THAT SCORCHES THE PLAIN" LIAOYUAN HUO
IS IT ZHAO YUN? OR "THE FIRE THAT SCORCHES THE PLAIN" ?

WHAT ?

WHY WOULD YOU DIE FOR AN UNRIGH-TEOUS MAN?
IN THESE CHAOTIC TIMES, A RIGHTEOUS MAN SHOULD FIGHT TO SAVE HIS COUNTRY WITH TALENTS LIKE YOURS, MISTER LIAOYUAN.

心中的枷鎖正被鏽蝕
有如毒液蔓延全身。

THE SHACKLE IN THE HEART IS RUSTING
LIKE POISON SPREADING THROUGH
THE ENTIRE BODY.


THERE, GENERAL ZHANG IS OVER THERE!
A LETTER FROM GENERAL ZHAO WHERE IS GENERAL ZHANG?

WHO EXACTLY IS THAT MAN STANDING BEHIND ZHAO YUN?

THE RAIN HAS STOPPED.
MAYBE XUZHOU'S BATTLE WILL END SOON AS WELL

CHAPTER 103
SELF-INTEREST AND RIGHTEOUSNESS,
DARKNESS AND LIGHT

第一百零八回

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NO, TELL HIM THAT I CAN HANDLE IT MYSELF
SO THE WARLORDS HAVE STARTED TO MAKE THEIR MOVE
GENERAL ZHAO SAID HE WOULD COME OVER IF YOU NEED AN ADVOCATE
YOU, SEND OUT A MESSAGE FOR ME

MY LORD, THE FIRE HAS DIED OUT WHY DON'T WE GO TO TANXIAN TO GREET THE PEOPLE?

BUT I HEARD THAT THE OTHER WAR-LORDS ..
NO, WE STAY OUT HERE AN ENVOY CAN SPEAK FOR US

WE ONLY CAME TO RELIEVE XUZHOU OF ITS CRISIS. ITS OWNER-SHIP HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH US.

MY LORD, THE SCOUT SAYS HE'S THERE...
A... ASSAS-SIN!
ASSAS-SIN? SENT BY WHO?
BUT WITH MY THIRD BROTHER HERE AN ASSASSIN IS NO THREAT TO ME
HIM AGAIN?
YES, I'M HERE ...
STRANGE DIDN'T CAO CAO LEAD HIS MEN BACK TO YANZHOU?

pa!
MY LORD!

SOMEBODY! OUR LORD HAS BEEN SHOT!
I'M HERE TO MAKE YOU COMPLY
THE ANES-THETIC IS TAKING ITS EFFECT

MAKENG VALLEY
BURN THE RATIONS IN THE FRONT; SEIZE THE RATIONS IN THE BACK. ATTACK!
TAO QIAN'S SUB-ORDI-NATE, CAO BAO

USING INAPPRO-PRIATE FORCE FOR THE INTEREST OF HIS CLAN WHY HELP SUCH AN UNRIGH-TEOUS MAN?

SO IT'S TRUE THEY SAY THE SEVENTH UNDER WATER MIRROR KNOWS THE WORLD'S EVENTS WITHOUT LEAVING THE HOUSE

AND NOW I DOUBT THE LEGEND OF THE HANDICAPPED WARRIORS WHO WERE SAID TO LEAVE NONE OF THEIR TARGETS ALIVE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?

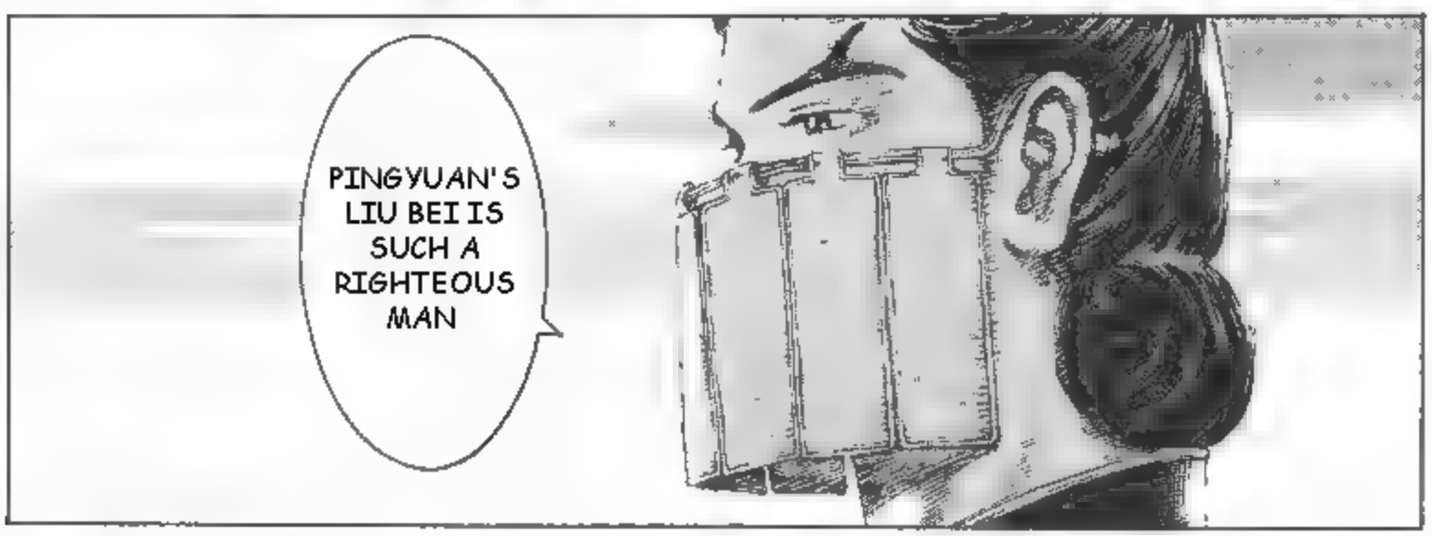
NOONTIME AT MAKENG VALLEY, TAO QIAN'S REINFORCE-MENTS SUCCESS-FULLY SEIZED THE RATIONS FOR XUZHOU

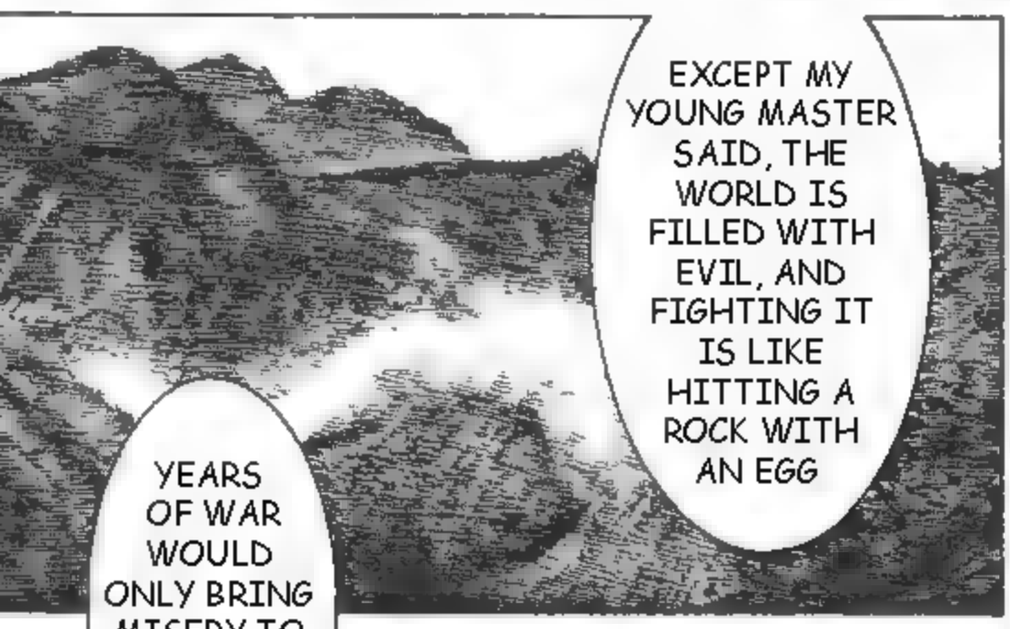
WITH YOUR IDENTITY EXPOSED, HASN'T YOUR YOUNG MASTER ORDERED YOU TO ELIMINATE ME AS A WITNESS?

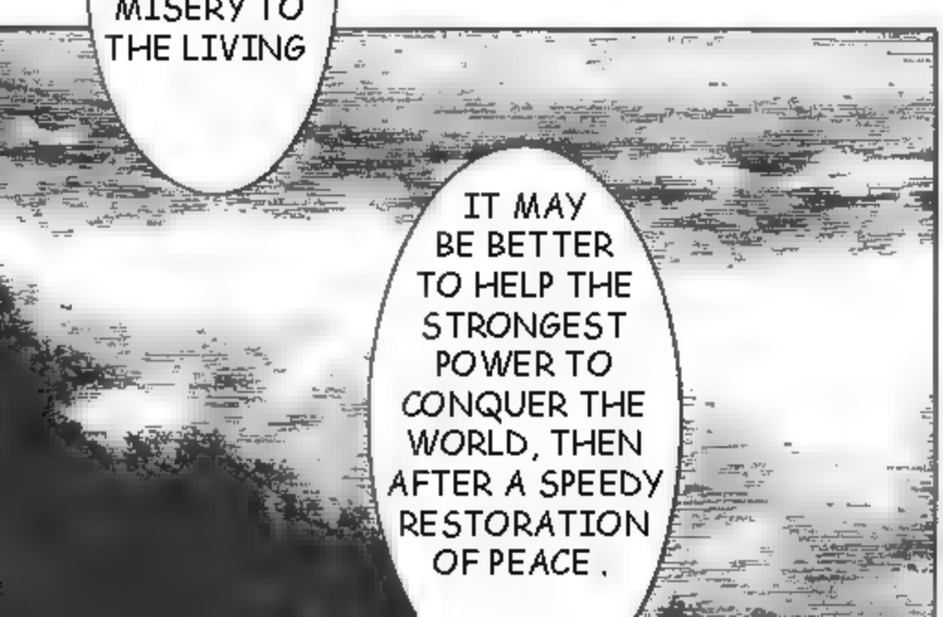
I SAY YOU KNOW THE GREATER GOOD, WHICH IS NOT WHAT I'D SAY ABOUT YOUR YOUNG MASTER

YOU THINK I WOULDN'T DARE?

GREATER GOOD? THEN WHAT IS YOUR DEFINITION, MISTER?
IN THIS CORRUPTION-INFESTED WORLD A MAN OF ACTION SHOULD SERVE FOR THE GOOD OF THE PEOPLE


PINGYUAN'S LIU BEI IS SUCH A RIGHTEOUS MAN


EXCEPT MY YOUNG MASTER SAID, THE WORLD IS FILLED WITH EVIL, AND FIGHTING IT IS LIKE HITTING A ROCK WITH AN EGG
YEARS OF WAR WOULD ONLY BRING MISERY TO THE LIVING

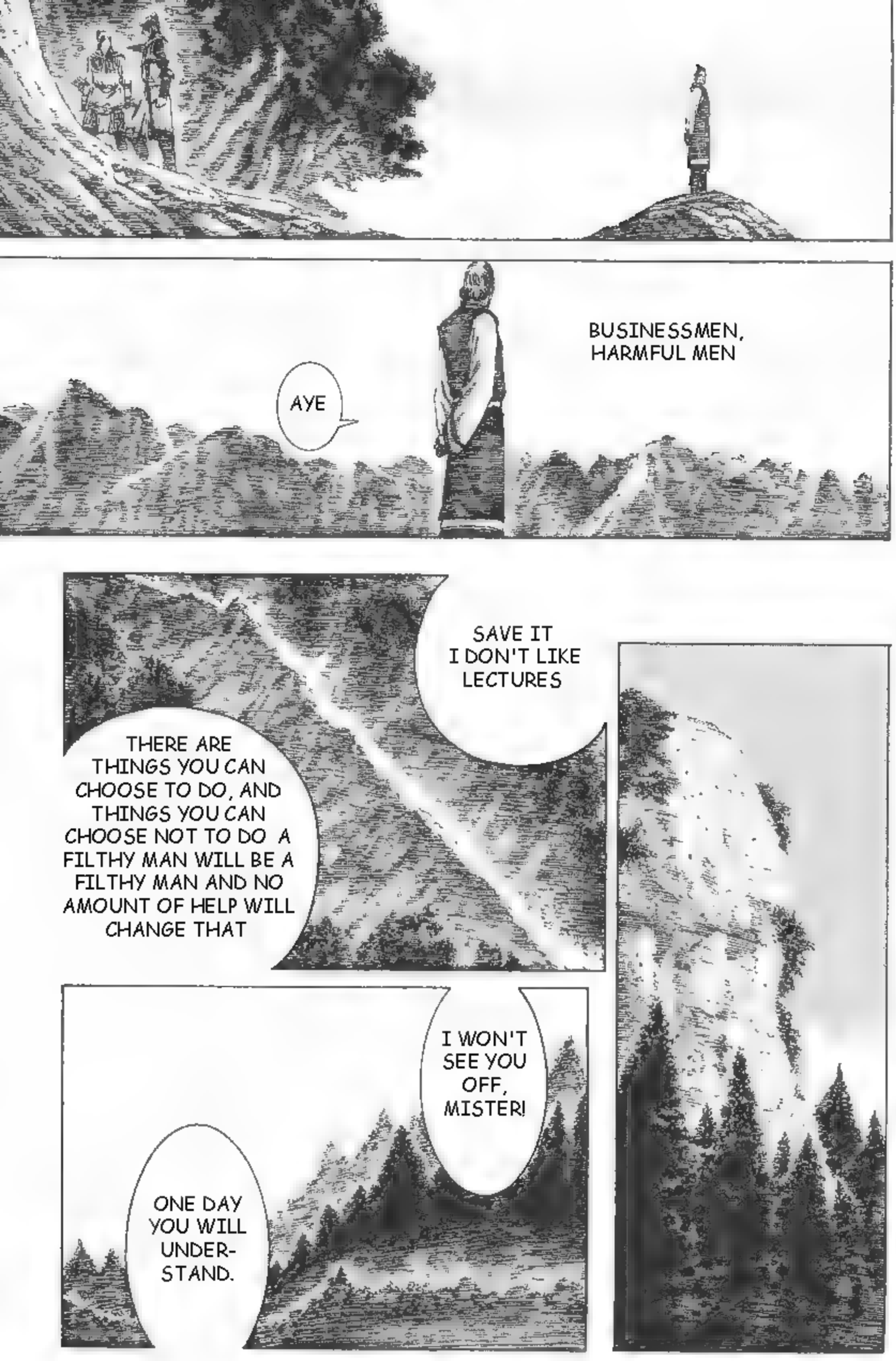

IT MAY BE BETTER TO HELP THE STRONGEST POWER TO CONQUER THE WORLD, THEN AFTER A SPEEDY RESTORATION OF PEACE .

YOUR VIEW IS CORRECT

TAKE OVER THE REIGN!
THIS IS FAR MORE BENEFICIAL FOR THE PEOPLE THAN FIGHTING LENGTHY WARS
BESIDES THE SUFFERING IS ONLY MOMENTARY WHILE HAPPINESS WILL COME MUCH SOONER. THAT IS THE GREATER GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE
YOU ARE SPEAKING OF THE BUSINESS WORLD, MISTER LIAOYUAN. I'M SPEAKING OF THE TRUE MORAL PRINCIPLES!

CONFUCIUS SAID YOU YOURSELF DESIRE STANDING THEN HELP OTHERS TO GET STANDING, YOU YOURSELF WANT SUCCESS THEN HELP OTHERS TO ATTAIN SUCCESS
IF THE LEADER DOES NOT SET THE RIGHT EXAMPLE, HIS RULE WILL NOT LAST, AND WAR WILL START AGAIN
MEN OF HONOR THINK OF THE RIGHT THING TO DO, BUT SCOUNDRELS THINK OF THE MOST BENEFICIAL THING TO DO SO WHAT IF THE ACT IS FUTILE?
I DON'T THINK YOU ARE A SCOUNDREL, SO ARE YOU HERE FOR RIGHTEOUS-NESS OR SELF-INTEREST?

GOODBYE, MISTER.


BUSINESSMEN, HARMFUL MEN
AYE
SAVE IT I DON'T LIKE LECTURES
THERE ARE THINGS YOU CAN CHOOSE TO DO, AND THINGS YOU CAN CHOOSE NOT TO DO A FILTHY MAN WILL BE A FILTHY MAN AND NO AMOUNT OF HELP WILL CHANGE THAT
I WON'T SEE YOU OFF, MISTER!
ONE DAY YOU WILL UNDER-STAND.

THAT DAY,
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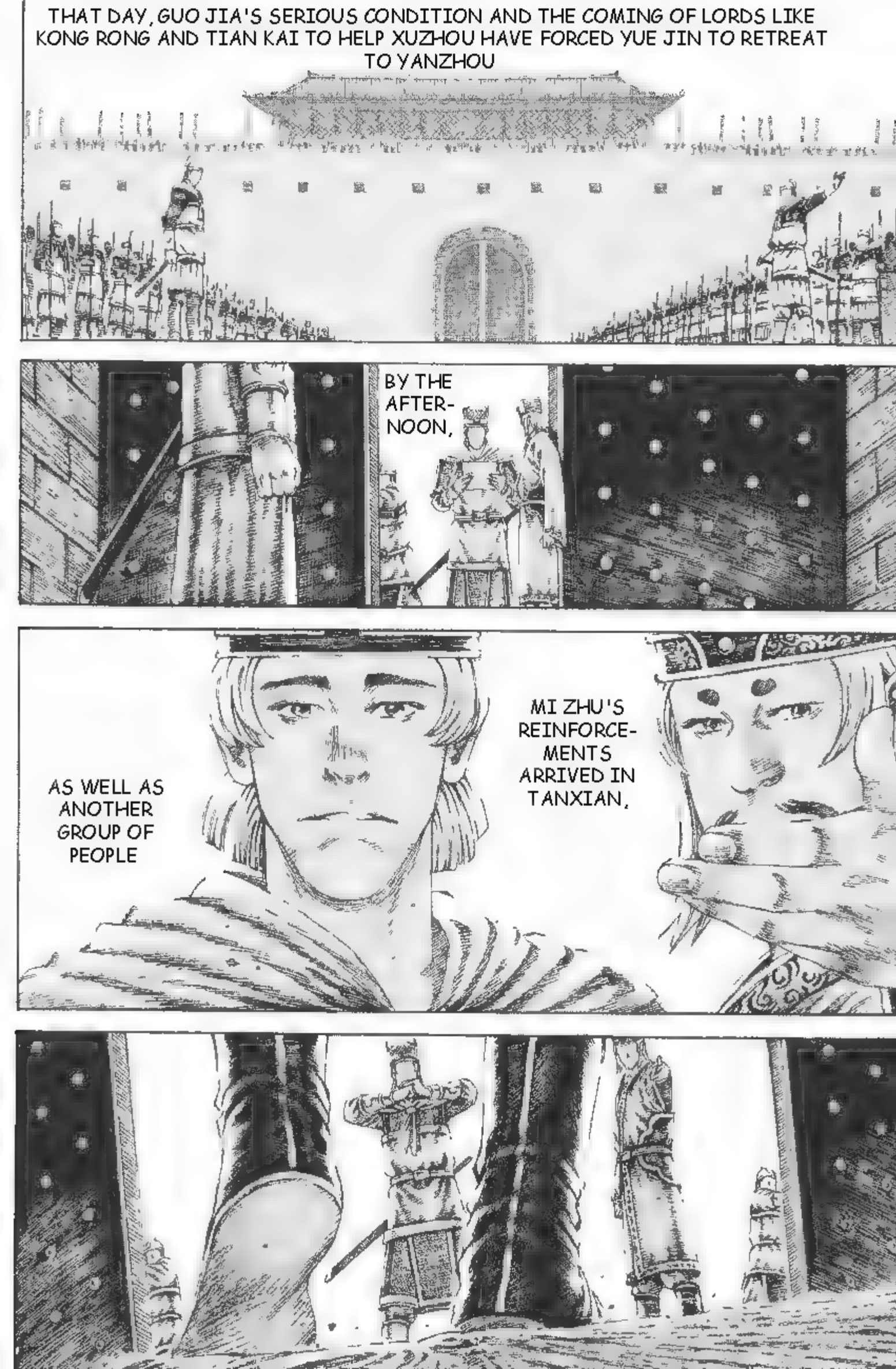
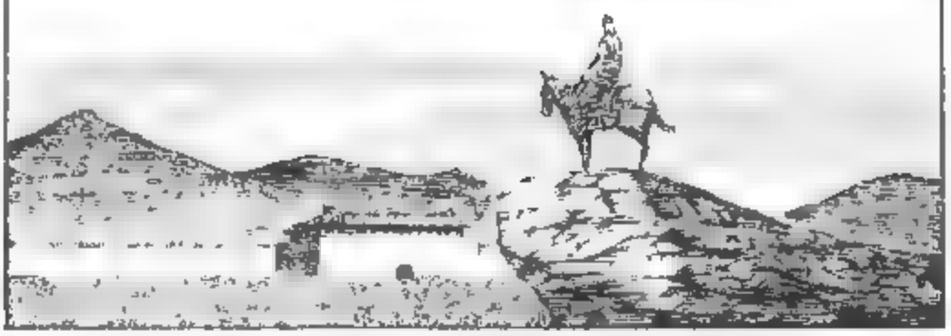
BOTH OF THEIR THOUGHTS..
IN TURMOIL.
TAN-XIAN
TWO WOUNDED MEN WERE TROUBLED BY TWO PREACHERS.


THAT DAY, GUO JIA'S SERIOUS CONDITION AND THE COMING OF LORDS LIKE KONG RONG AND TIAN KAI TO HELP XUZHOU HAVE FORCED YUE JIN TO RETREAT TO YANZHOU
BY THE AFTER-NOON,
AS WELL AS ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE
MI ZHU'S REINFORCE-MENTS ARRIVED IN TANXIAN,

ZHANG FEI ACCEPTED THE GOVERNING RESPONSIBILITY OF XUZHOU ON HIS BEHALF

WITH THE EXCUSE OF LIU BEI BEING WOUNDED,

XUZHOU'S BATTLE PUSHED CAO CAO INTO A TEMPORARILY IRREMEDIABLE SITUATION



BECAUSE OF LIU BEI'S WELL-KNOWN BENEVOLENCE, THE PEOPLE OF XUZHOU CHEERED, OVERSHADOWING THE MOURNING FOR TAO QIAN

BUT CAO CAO'S DARKNESS HAS PASSED,

AND THE
LIGHT IS
IN SIGHT.

枷鎖抵不住熱血的衝擊，完全解放。

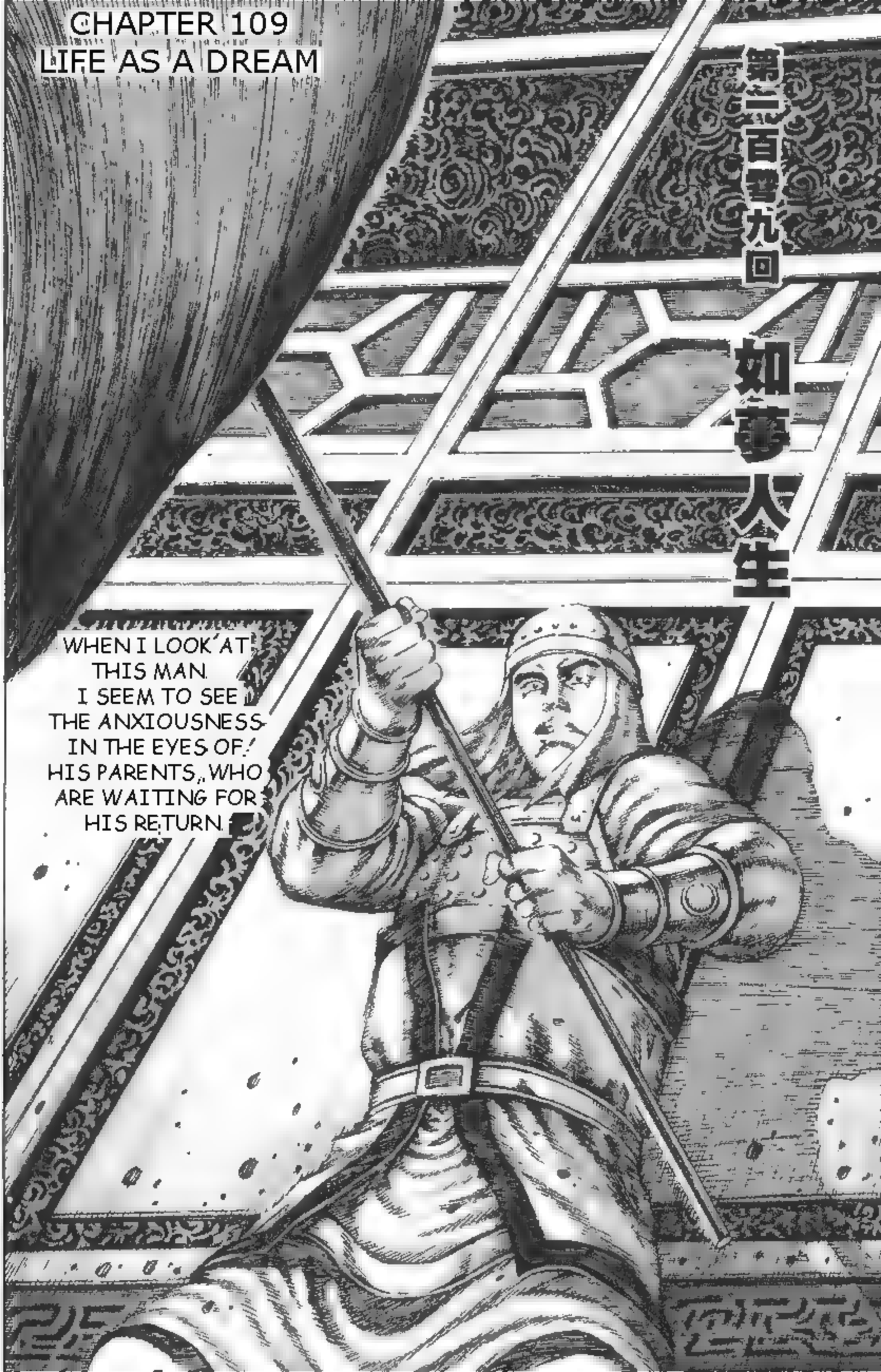
但是，打開那扇心門之後

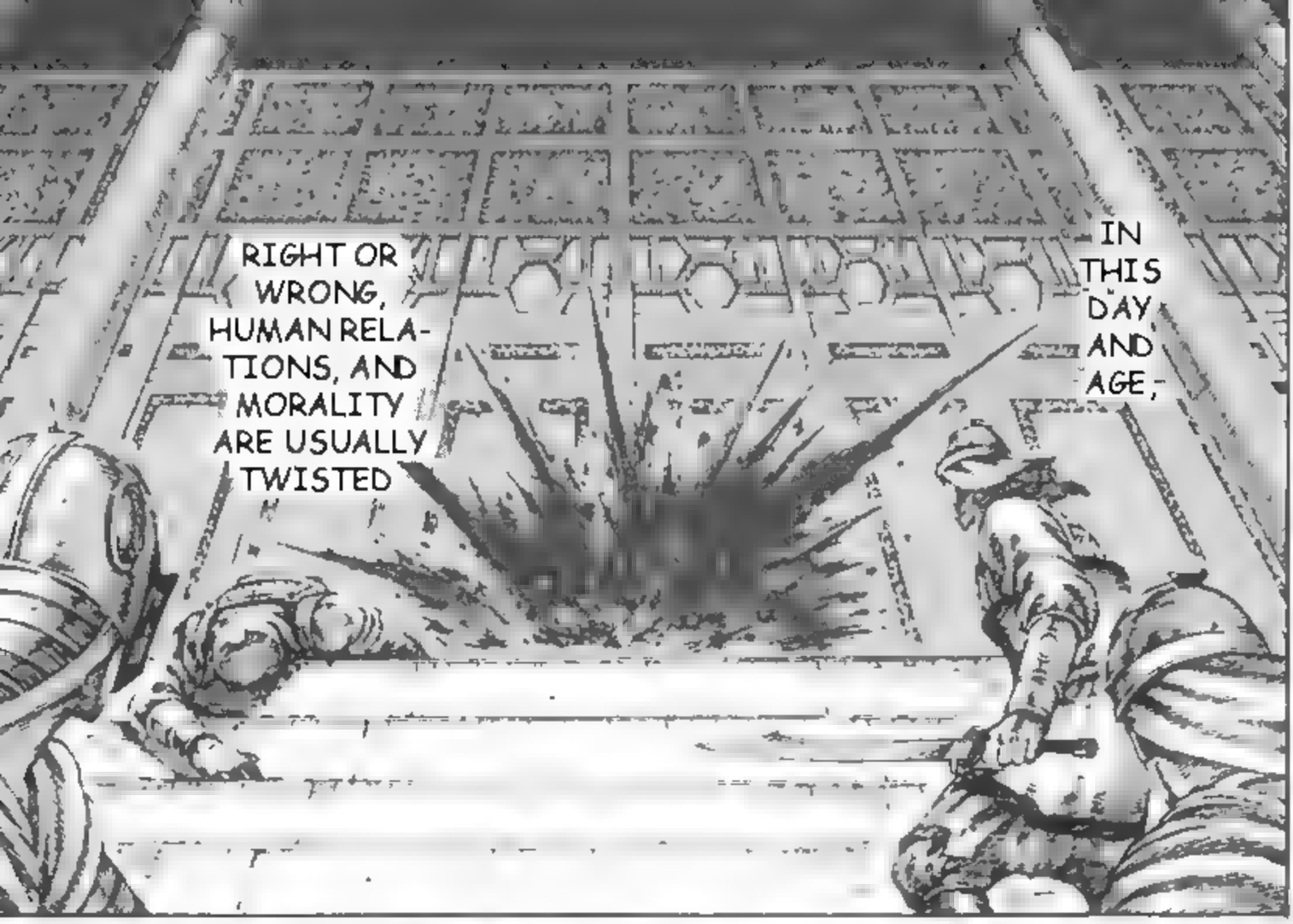
THE SHACKLE GAVE WAY UNDER THE POUNDING OF FERVENT SPIRIT,
BUT BEHIND THE ONCE LOCKED DOOR OF THE HEART...

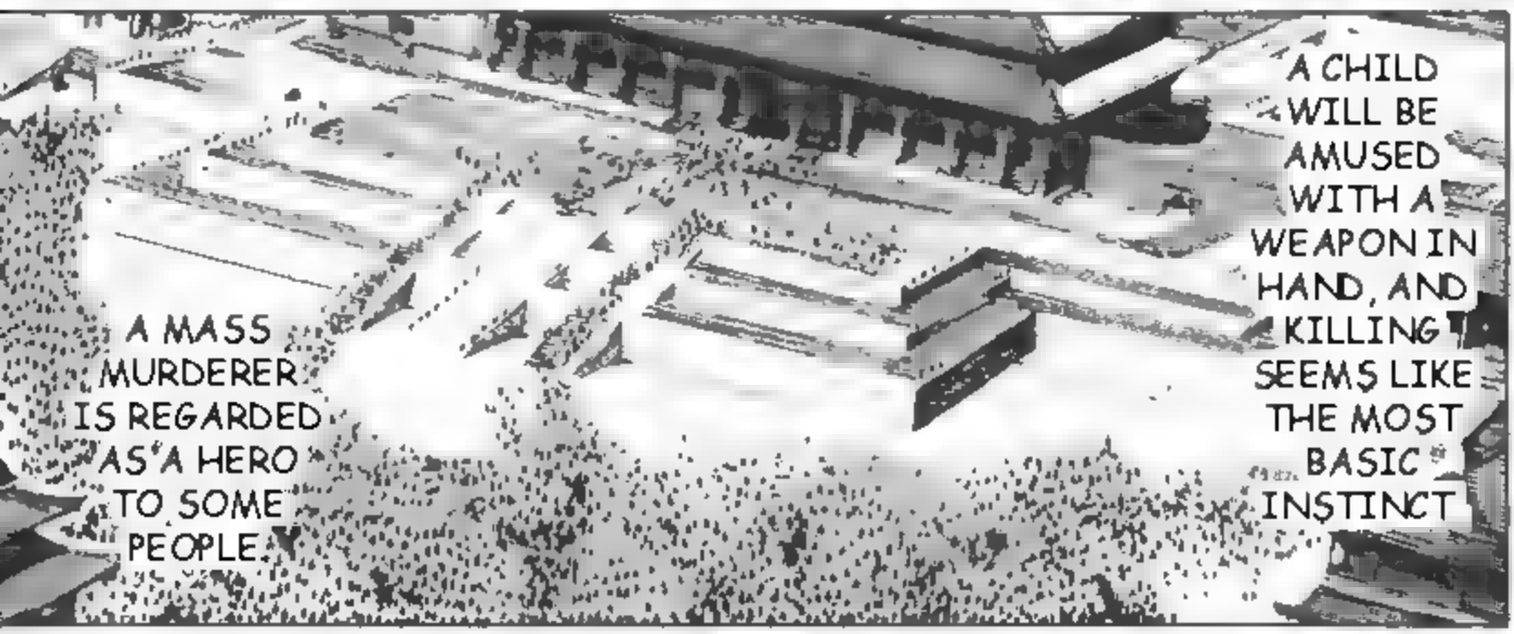
竟是無盡的矛盾和血淚

THERE IS AN ENDLESS AMOUNT OF CONTRADICTION AND PAIN...

IT'S NOT EASY TO WALK ON THE RAZOR'S EDGE
OTHERS WOULD STILL KILL YOU.
IN THIS DAY AND AGE IF YOU DON'T KILL OTHERS,
KILLING IS NOT SCARY.
WOULD MEAN THE DEATH OF HUNDREDS OF THOU-SANDS OF INNO-CENTS.
BUT IT IS SCARY WHEN YOUR QUEST TO KILL AN EVIL PERSON,


CHAPTER 109
LIFE AS A DREAM
第二百零九回
如夢人生
WHEN I LOOK AT THIS MAN, I SEEM TO SEE THE ANXIOUSNESS IN THE EYES OF HIS PARENTS, WHO ARE WAITING FOR HIS RETURN.


RIGHT OR WRONG, HUMAN RELATIONS, AND MORALITY ARE USUALLY TWISTED
IN THIS DAY AND AGE,

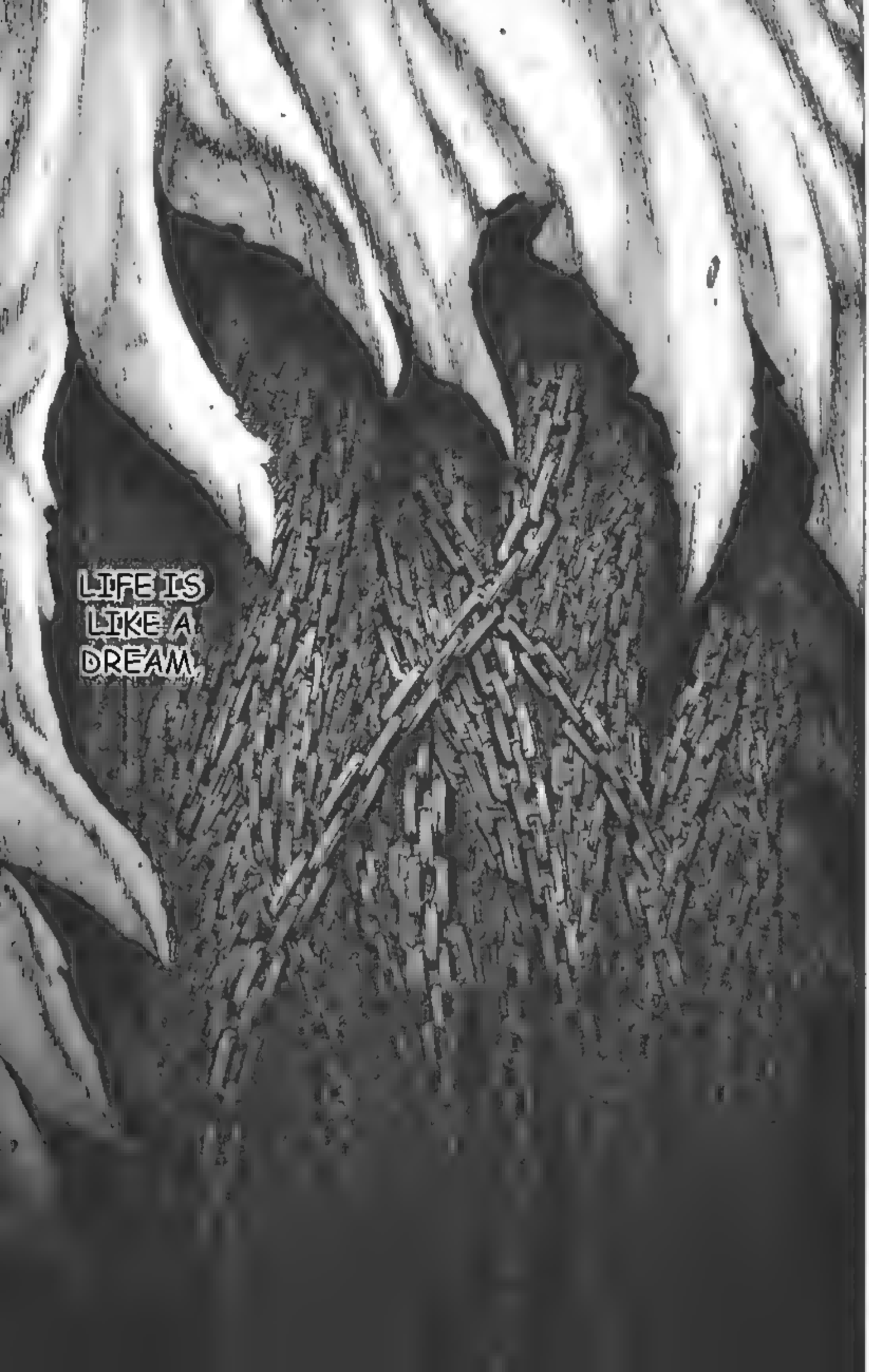

A MASS MURDERER IS REGARDED AS A HERO TO SOME PEOPLE.
A CHILD WILL BE AMUSED WITH A WEAPON IN HAND, AND KILLING SEEMS LIKE THE MOST BASIC INSTINCT

HUMANS ARE STILL WILD BEASTS AFTER ALL

BAD GUYS KILL PEOPLE, AND SO DO THE GOOD GUYS

WHAT IS HIS TRUE NATURE?

BENEATH THE SKIN OF BENEVOLENCE AND RIGHTEOUS-NESS,


LIFE IS
LIKE A
DREAM

ha!

AS A DREAM IS TO LIFE.

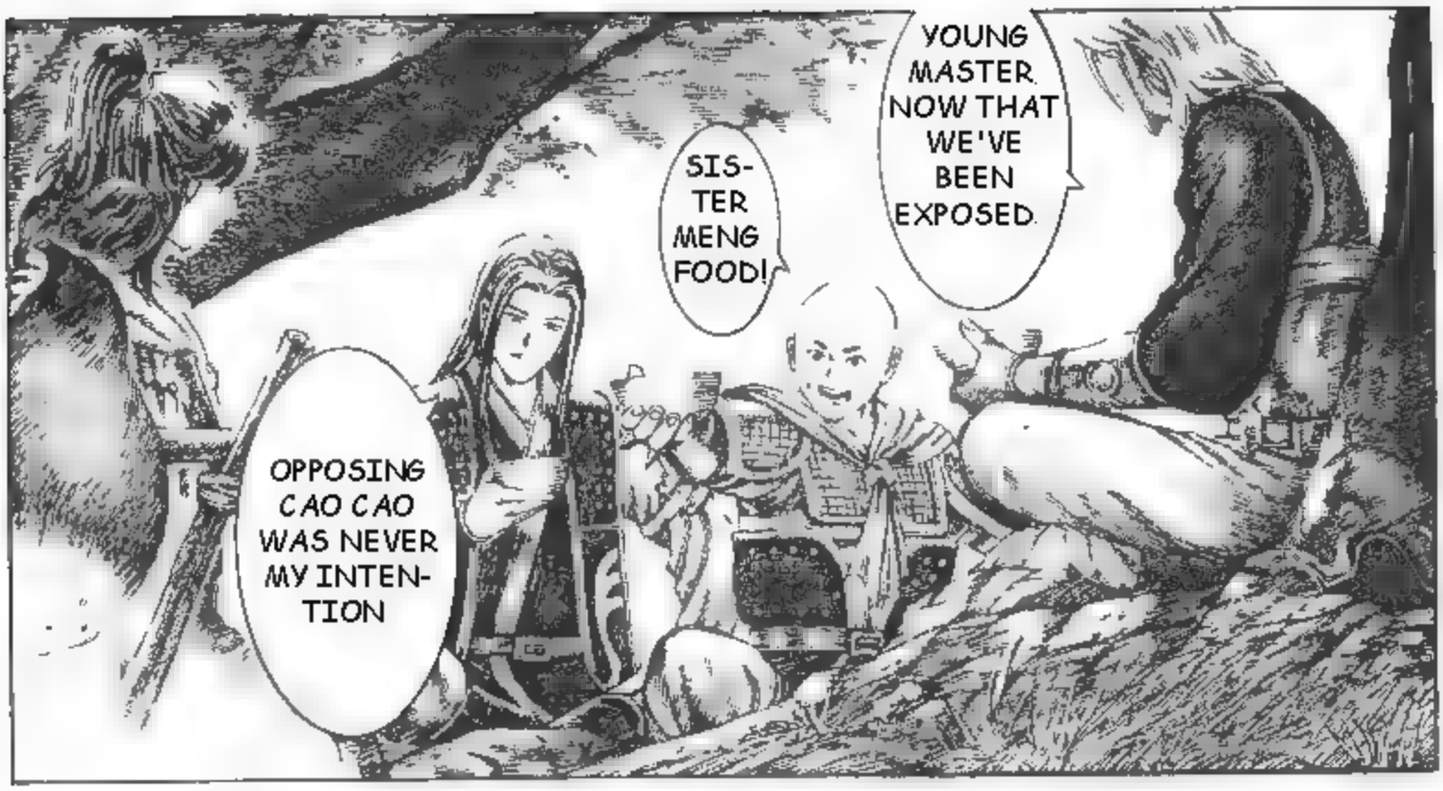
ha-
choo!

ha...

YOU WOULDN'T STOP WEARING THIS COSTUME JUST BECAUSE IT LOOKS PECULIAR? YOU WEIRDO

OH NO
ha-choo!

OH NO A FEVER.
SISTER MENG, MEAL'S HERE!


YOUNG MASTER, NOW THAT WE'VE BEEN EXPOSED.
SIS-TER MENG FOOD!
OPPOSING CAO CAO WAS NEVER MY INTEN-TION

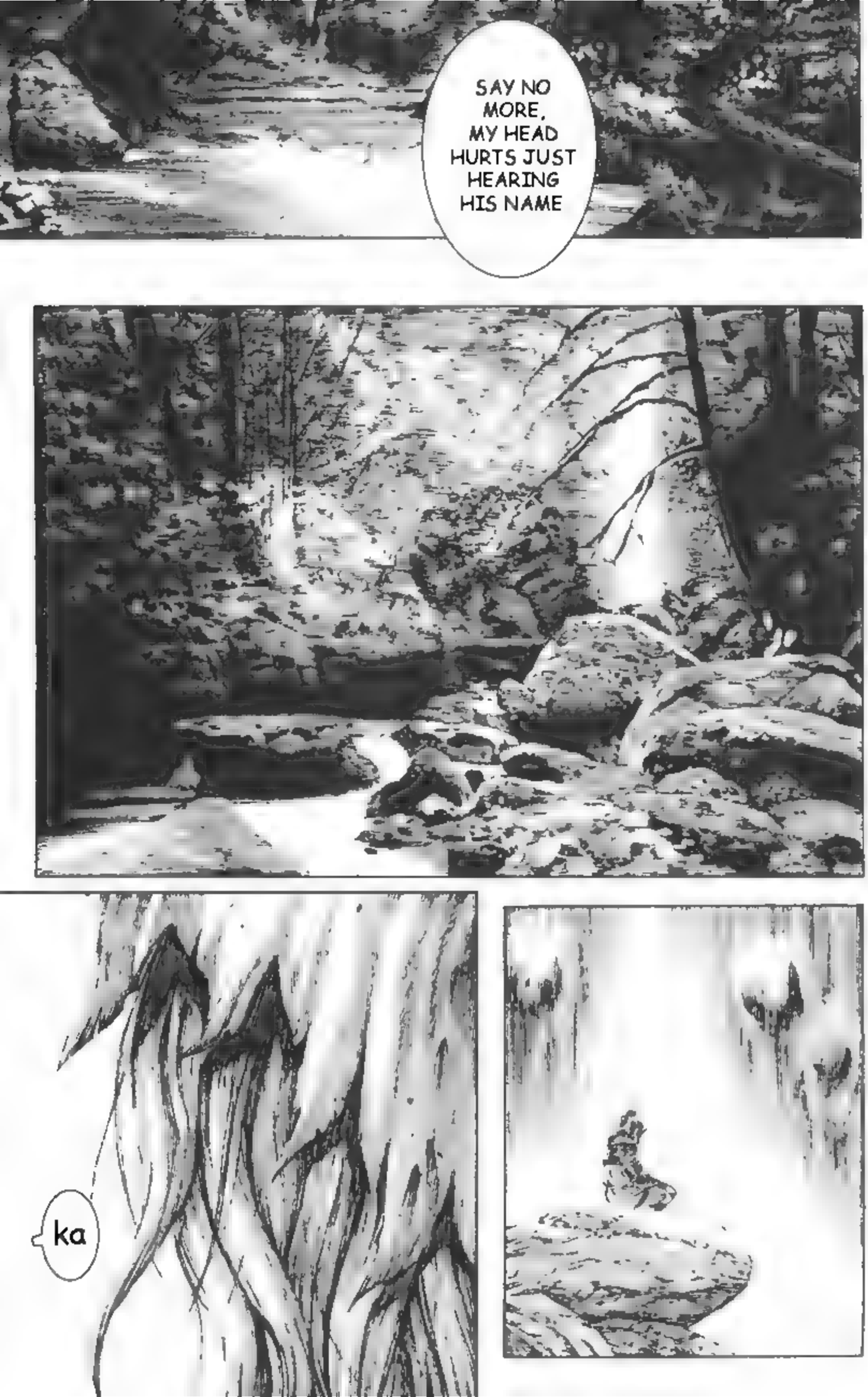
DON'T WORRY, I KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH HIM.

YOU MEAN HE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE AN OPPORTUNIST, RIGHT?

I HEARD THAT LIU BEI TOOK CONTROL OF XUZHOU, BUT A MAN LIKE HIM

HUO-GE SAID THAT THIS IS ALL HIS BROTHER'S DOING

SOMETIMES IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR SUBORDINATES, THEY'LL DO WHATEVER THEY WANT
SISTER MENG, WHERE'S MY FOOD?
AND WHERE IS A-HUO? IS HE TOO HURT TO EAT?
THAT DOES IT, WHO'RE YOU CALLING SISTER?
HE... SEEMS TO HAVE TURNED INTO A DIFFERENT PERSON
CROU-CHING DRA-GON?
EVER SINCE HE MET YOUNG MASTER'S "FRIEND" YESTERDAY AFTERNOON


SAY NO MORE, MY HEAD HURTS JUST HEARING HIS NAME
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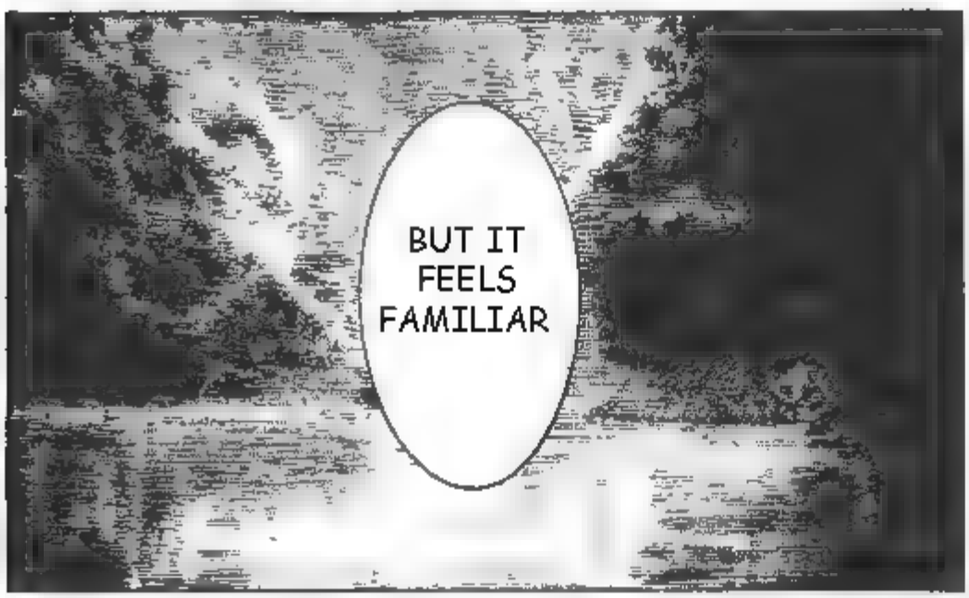
SO YOU LIKE MY "BATTLE UNIFORM" TOO?

IT IS A LITTLE PECULIAR, BUT .


BUT IT FEELS FAMILIAR

THE DESIGN IS NICE I FEEL LIKE A DIFFER-ENT PERSON WHEN I PUT IT ON

I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE.

WHAT?

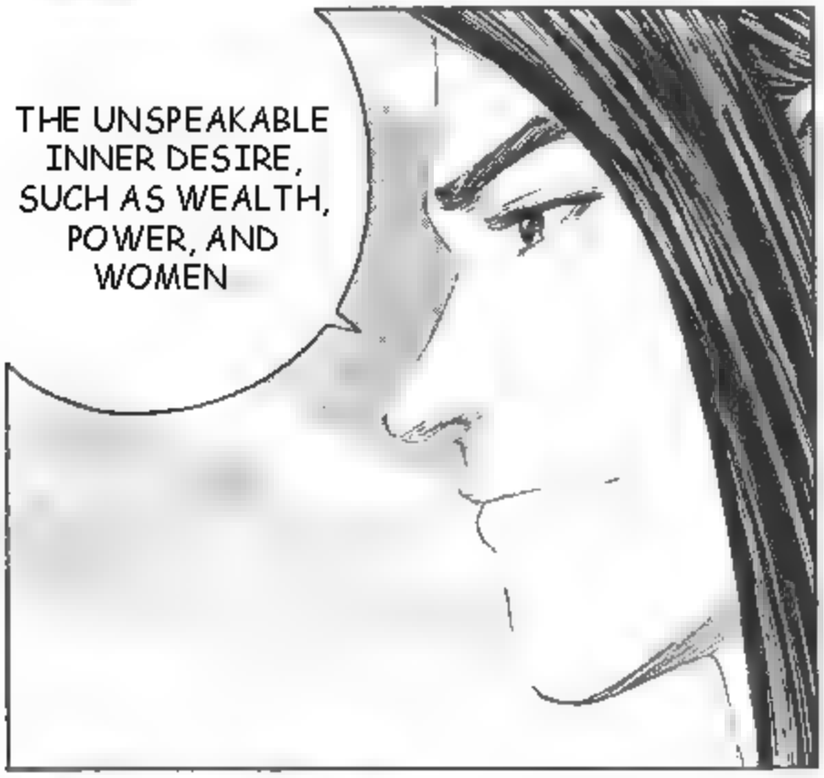
YOU'VE SEEN CHISONGZI IN A DREAM?
IN A DREAM?

DREAMS ARE A FASCI-NATING THING, YES?

WEAK MEN THINK THAT A DREAM IS A KIND OF OMEN

YES, DREAMS ARE FAS-CINAT-ING.

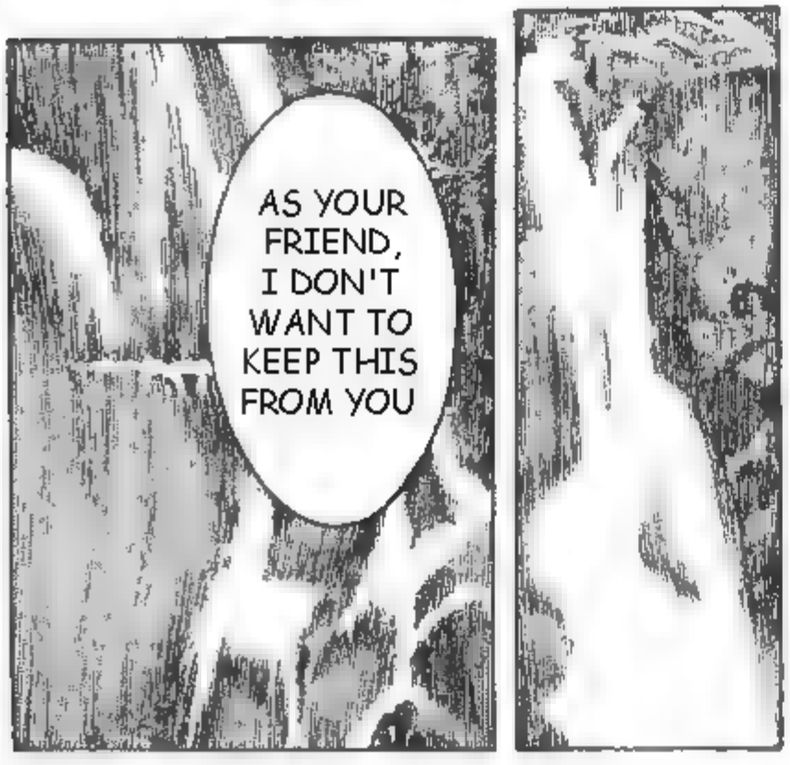
THEN WHAT ABOUT STRONG MEN?



Z.R.S NOTE "DESIRE" WHEN THIS MANGA RELEASED IN JAPANESE THIS WORD WILL BE TRANSLATED AS "NEGAI" WHICH MAKE THIS CHAPTER CLAMP LIKE ^_^

IN THIS DREAM, A MAN DRESSED AS CHISONGZI KEEPS COMING AT ME

YOUNG MASTER, I
GO AHEAD


AS YOUR FRIEND, I DON'T WANT TO KEEP THIS FROM YOU

THERE WAS ONE DREAM THAT I'VE BEEN KEEP HAVING, EXCEPT I ALWAYS DIE IN THE END

I JUST HAD A SIMILAR DREAM.
IN THIS DREAM, I WAS FURIOUS,
SO MUCH SO, THAT I DID NOT HESITATE TO MAKE THE PERSON ON THE THRONE...

殺了！

DEAD!

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